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PREFACE

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(*ii*) the latter portion ranging from 1746—1785, throwing added light on the career of Lord Clive in India.

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Irreguler Entries and Expences brought to Acco^t in Hugly and Ballasore bookes No. G. H. I. and K. Viz.

Bookes No. G. beginning y^e 21st October 1664 and ending y^e 30th Nober 1665 is 13 months and $\frac{9}{30}$
Mr. Wm. Blake Cheife.

5. Robert Elwes hath creditt by charges Generall Rups. 1167 : $5\frac{3}{4}$ annas amongst which there is Rups. 402 : 10 ans. said to bee for provisions for seamen to goe down from Ballasore with y^e goods to secure them from y^e Gelliars.

This I suppose to bee a mistake in regard there is noe danger of Gelliars between Ballasore and y^e place of y^e shipps rideing in that road. Also y^e expense of servants' wages brought to his creditt in said parsell for one month is very unreasonable being noe less than Rups. 486 : 1 an. but of his more hereafter soe that in his parsell there is only recharged y^e mistake beforementioned of . . . . . Rup. 0,402 : 10

5. Cash hath creditt by acts. of ffreight Rups. 2,000 paid in part for carring of 2,568 baggs of peeter and other parsells of goods from Hugly to Ballasore on board the shipps w^{ch} I estimate to cont. 2 mds. y^e parsell is 5,126 mds. and in y^e same journall parsell Robert Elwes hath also creditt by accompt of ffreight Rup. 300 paid by him in full for ffreight of y^e said 2,568 parsells or 5,136 mds. But it is not mentioned to whome paid, how many Rups. 100 mds. or how many boates were imployed in carring said goods, to which I answer y^t y^e rate is very unreasonable, first for—in y^e Pattana bookes I finde y^e Comp^{as} peeter cost from thence to Hugly but from $10\frac{1}{2}$ to 16 rup ℘100 mds. and yett y^e hazrd greater and y^e distance as farr as betweene Hugly and Ballasore. And ? ordinary freight from Hugly to Ballasore is but from 11 to 13 rup ℘100 mds. soe allowing the medium price is 12 rup at which price 5,136 mds. amts. to rup 616 : 5 an. and y^e Company are overcharged in his ffreight Rups. 1,683 : 11

11. Narrandas hath creditt in atta by charges—for his wages for a twelve month Rups. 336. How far his allowance I find noe consultason or reason given for y^e same, But I finde y^t he was a person imployed and intrusted by Mr. Blake wth y^e charge of y^e Company's warehouses which being soe contrary to order—Mr. Blake ought to make good his charge beeing . . . . Rups. 0,336

Ditto Narrandas in y^e same journall parsell hath credtt Rups. 852 : 9 ans. for imbaling severall goods which appeares to be overrated according to what is charged in fol. 43 of this journall . . . . Rups. 0,416 : 03

Heere are severall goods brought to accompt and made— at extraordinary prices but not mencioned of whome received, as cotton yarne, stick-lack, sannoes and salt peetre (but of y^e salt peetre) more in y^e following parrageafe) and for their payment severall goods and—? hath creditt. The said cotton yarne &c.— ? month of ffebruary is brought to Acco as deare—

Although Mr. Blake in severall of his letters to yᵉ Company advise that goods are dearer by 40 or 50 ꝑ cent. after the shipps arrivall then in ffebruary and other months after there departure soe these goods that is to say yᵉ cotton yarne, stick-lack and sannoes are overrated . . . . . . .Rups. 0 0 .0

15. The salt peeter brought to Accoᵗ in yᵉ parsell above mentioned is 57 mds. 16 sr. at Rw. 4⅝ ꝑ mds. amts. rw. 237: 11 ans. the Comy.'s double refined peetre at Pattana cost this yeare but about 1 rw. ꝑ mds. and Rw. 1: 4 ans. and—maunds. Butt allowing Rup. 1½ ꝑ mds. and 4 ans. for freight from Pattana to Hughly (although it is not 3 ans. ꝑ mds.). The se. 51 mds. 168 sr. at rw. 1¾ ꝑ mds. (am but unto rw. 89: 15 ans. so yᵉ Company are overcharged . . . . .Rups. 60,147 12 0

17. In this journall folio there is in like manner as before mentioned a parcell of sannoes and Taffities brought to Accoᵗ Recᵈ. in Hughly cleard of all charges (myᵉ mᵒ· of March) but not mentioned of whome bought yᵉ said Taffaties being ordinary are rated from 4¼ to 5½ rup. ꝑ peetre, which is a verry extravagant rate. The Comps. ordinary Taffataies this yeare at Cassumbazar cost but from rw. 2: 8 ans. to 4 rups. ꝑ peece soe yᵗ allowing yᵉ medium of sᵈ prices is rup. 3: 4 and ꝑ peece at which rate 2,880 peeces Taffataies amoᵗ to Rups. 9,360:—And as they stand rated in yᵉ bookes they cost Rups. 14,709: 2 ans. soe yᵉ overcharge is Rups. 5,349: 2 ans. As touching the sannoes they are rated from 3½ to 5 rups. ꝑ peece. In which price I doubt not but yᵉ Company are much wronged as myᵉ Taffataies before mentioned and hence the overcharge is Rups. 1,608 soe yᵉ overrate on yᵉ Taffataies and sannoes is . . . . .Rups. 06,957 0

17. Tuttinage, Lead, &c., hath creditt and are delivered at an under rate for payment of yᵉ above mentioned Taffataies and sannoes there being but 32 rups. ꝑ maunds brought to accoᵗ for 154 mds. of Tuttinage and 3¾ rups. ꝑ yards. for the Broadcloth and in the preceedeing bookes K Jorll. fol. 50 Tuttinage is there sold at 34 rw. ꝑ md. soe there is brought short amt. for yᵉ Tuttinage rw. 308: And—yᵉ Broadcloath in fol. 15 of this journall it is there sold at rups. 4½ and 4 rups. ꝑ yard and myᵉ following parcell but one Broadcloath is there sold for ready money at rups. 6 ꝑ yard—soe that accompting yᵉ 300 yards at 4½ rups. ꝑ the Company are allowed short 450 rups. and in yᵉ Tuttinage and Broadcloath—the Company are damaged . . . . Rups. 00,758 00

18. Soe heere yᵉ reasonableness brought to accoᵗ for James prices ? at Decca which for his owne wages charges punes—? but rups. 40 p. mo. by which may be soone the—? made by Mr. Blake unto Tho: Pratt Imploy'd—? or Agᵗ. and Councells ordᶜᵉ. or consultacon for yᵉ same— .

19. Hullushawe hath creditt by salt peeter for 768 mds. 8 sr. twice refined at rw. 2½ ꝑ mds. and at Pattana yᵉ Comps. double refined peetre with charges to Hughly cost this yeare but rw. 1: 12 ans. ꝑ maund soe yᵉ 768 mds. 8 above mentioned is overrated . Rups. 00,576 02

20. Robert Elwes hath creditt by salt peetre for charges thereon rw. 101: 13 ¼ans. but noe mencon is made how y^e sd expence did arise, his creditt also by Boates, is much after y^e same manner—

21. Pattana Factory is charged to cash Rups. 146½ vidzt. for 5 yds. scarlett 21 rups. ℘ yard. 2 sword blades 14 rw. and 6 crith knives at rw. 27 : and all which is very extravagant.

22. Cash hath creditt by Thomas Pratt for severall—? to be bougt but not mentoned of whome bought and sent to Decca to present the Nabob and his officers which—? consist of Looking glasses, knives—? wine &c. amo to Rups. 1,879 : 4 ans. all which—? are rated at most extravagant prices Mr. Blake being y^e—? of whome they were bougt, and further there is noe assurance y^t all was sent y^t is placed to accot in y^e Comps. bookes. And if upon examinacon it shall appeare that they were sent, yett y^e over rate is Rupees—

31. Narrandas hath creditt by sloope goods, intent for seamens dyett, severall months and in y^e moth of September here is placed to accot rw. 1,088 : 2¼ ans. for y^t moth expence, wth I apprehend to bee a great mistake at leaste 1,000 rups. too much in a proporcon to y^e charge of y^e Madras pinate for sd moth . . . . Rw. 1,000 0

32. D^o Narrandas hath creditt by acco^t of ffreight Rups. 2,447 : 09½ and for y^e hire of a country shipp of 5,000 maunds to bring downe salt peetre &ct. from Hughly and in fol. 41 of this journall y^e s^d Narrandas hath creditt by acco$^{t.}$ of ffreight Rups. 285 : 5 ans. said to be paid seamens dyett of this hired shipp, soe y^e whole is Rups. 2,732 : 14 ans. I cannot apprehend y^t as his time there was any necessity for freighting of this vessell in regard the Comps. owne sloopes and pinnaces might have performed the worke, y^e seamens dyett and wages being monthly brought to accot. But allowing that there was reason for ffreighting the s^d vessell yett the ordinary freight is but 12 rw. ℘ 100 mds. at which rate y^e 5,000 mds. amount to rw. 600 soe y^e overrate is . . . . . Rups. 2,132 14

33. Hughly Merch^{ts} hath creditt by Taffataies for 600 peeces fine at 12 rw. ℘ peece but the namess of those Hughly merch^{ts} are not menconed. The Comps. fine Taffataies y^e former yeare at Cassumbazar cost but Rups. 6½, 7½, 8½, 9 and 10 ℘ peece except some few superfine at higher prices at 2, 3, or 4 peeces of a sort as in y^e bookes 166⅘ jour^{ll} fol. 4 and 5 will appeare. But allowing y^e said 600 peeces above mentioned to cost 9 rw. ℘ peece then y^e overrate is 3 rw. ℘ peece wth amot to—?

35 Proffitt and Losse is charged to sundry acco^{ts} for Broadcloath, quicksilver, and vermillion found wanting out of y^e sloope Intent at her arrivall at Hughly, all amo^t to Rups. 558 : 15. The Company are not sattisfyed, y^t the seamen and others intrusted in this Boate were not caused to give sattisfaccon and my^e future doe expect y^t more care bee taken in matters of y^e like nature and y^e persons into whose custody they shall bee comitted if any want found that then in such case they make full sattisfaccon for the said wants.

36. Salt peetre 6,110 maunds twice boyled brought to acco^{t} and said to bee brought in Hughly cleare of all charges at rw 3 : 4 ans. ⅌ maunds amo^{ts} to rups. 19,837 : 8 ans. but it is not menconed of whome bought. The twice boyled peetre at Pattana accounting y^{e} highest price doth not cost 1¾ rw ⅌ md. charges of ffreight &c. to Hughly Included. Butt allowing rw 1¾ ⅌ maund yett y^{e} 6,110 mds. will amo^{t} to but Rups 10,692 : 8 ans : soe y^{e} Company are overcharged in s^{d} parcell . . . Rups. 9,265

Also in the preceeding parcell fol. 36 there is 1,050 peeces fine Taffataies brought to accomp^{t} in like manner as before mentoned at rw 11 : 8 ans. ⅌ peece. And at Cassumbazar y^{e} medium price of the Comps fine Taffataies bought last yeare cost but Rups. 8¼ as before mentoned in fol. 33 but allowing 9 rups ⅌ peece yett y^{e} 1,050 peeces before mentoned are overrated Rups. 2½ ⅌ peece which amounts to . Rups. 2,6 5

Now for paymt of s^{d} peetre and Taffataies, Broadcloath is delivered att 4 rups. ⅌ yard, fine scarlett at 12 rups. ⅌ yard, And yett y^{e} Company are charged 20 rw. ⅌ yard for what given in presents. Lead 9 rups. ⅌ maund, and quicksilver 3 rups. ⅌ seere.

41. Bullamaleek hath creditt by salt peetre Rups. 830 : 3 and for 4,151 peeces gunnies at 5 gunnies ⅌ rup. But how those gunnies were disposed or what occation for y^{e} same is not mentioned, soe that untill such time as Mr. Blake can give good sattisfaction touching the s^{d} gunnies dispos$_{\!\!,}$ure hee ought to be chargeable therewith . . . . . Rups. 830 03

Lead ?

42. Tead hath creditt by Hughly Merch : at ru 8½ ⅌ md. w^{ch} is halfe a rupee less then any sold, Broadcloth at rup 4 ⅌ yard, And quicksilver and vermillion at 3½ rups. ⅌ seere in all w^{ch} ye Company are damaged rup. 11.

43. Narrandas hath creditt by proffitt and loose rups. 408 : 3 ans. for Interest of severall sumes of monie said to bee taken up for supply of Ballasore ffactory at severall times to this I answer I doe not finde any money taken up as specified in y^{e} journall nor any reason for s^{d} allowance being . . . Rw. 408 03

D^{o}· Narandas hath creditt for sev^{ll} particulars, s^{d} to be bought by him for presents ru. 42 : ½ amongst which there is charged 5 rup. for one amber hafted knife, by which with other particule more at large drawne out may bee seene the unreasonable rates brought to acco^{t} for toyes, &c.

44. Charges Generall is charged to sundry acco^{ts} for 12¾ yds. perpetnan and 1½ maund cotton wooll said to bee used, but not menconed how or upon what occasion y^{e} same was expended and y^{e} like practice is used in many other perticulers not before noted. In the future it is expected y^{t} a sattisfactory acco^{t} be given my^{e} journall parcell, for all expences or otherwise of this or y^{e} like nature.

An acco^t of y^e charges and expences brought to acco^t in booke No. G. beginning y October 1664 and ending y^e 30th Nober 1665 is 13 months 9 days.

Presents given away (over and above y^e 6,000 rups. extorted by y^e Govern^r of Hughly for 2 yeares) in severall perticulers Rw. 3,262 14: and presents brought to acco^t and said to be disposed by Thomas Pratt at Decca rups. 1,957 : 12 ; and off ye presents before menconed severall particulers are said to be bought am^t to rups. paper apart w^{ch} are placed to acco^t at extraordinary prices. Charges Generall cleared by proffitt and Loss Rups. 17,996 : 9½ ans. of w^{ch} there is for dyett (as in fol. (45) Rups.	2,140 :	00
Soe there remaynes Rs. 15,856 9½ an out of which deduct rups. 747 for the thirds of sallary paid and placed to acco^t of charges Generall there rests rups. 15,109 : 9½ ans. being for servants wages travelling expences &c. the extravagancy of which will best appeare from y^e booke of perticulers . . . . Rups.	15,109 :	09
At per rupee amounts to £2,808-15-05 besides y^e 3,000 rw. per anum to y^e Govern^r of Hughly.	22,470 :	03

Hughly and Ballasore bookes Litt. H. begun primo December 1665 and ending 31st August 1666 Mr. Wm. Blake Cheife is 9 months.

8. Cash hath creditt by proffitt and Losse for Interest s^d to bee allowed Hughly mer^{ch} and Narrandas to which I answer first that y^e Hughly mer^{ch} (or rather Mr. Blakes) credit doth arise by—overrating the Taffataies and saltpeetre brought to their creditt in bookes No. G. fol. &ct. and therefore ought not to bee allowed and as for what allowed Narrandas I cannot apprehend y^t there is reason for y^e same in regard when Narrandas is indebited to y^e Company as usually hee hath bin hee never at any time made allowance for y^e same further severall sumes of money for which his Interest is allowed are extravagant and Irregulerly brought to Acco^t and therefore ought not to bee allowed as is before noated in bookes G. The Interest as above w^{ch} the Company ought not to bee charged with is . . . . Rups.	00,609	13
9. Taffataies are charged to sundry acco^{ts} Rups. 7,125, :—for 600 fine peeces bought in Barter cleare of all charges in Hughly, but not mencioned of whome bought vizt. 150 at rups. 11½ and 450 at 12 rw. ꝑ peece and y^e same yeare y^e said Taffataies might have bin bought at Casumbazar (where the Company were at y^e charge of mainteyning y^e ffactory for rup. 9 ꝑ peece soe y^e s^d 600 Taffataies are overcharged . . . Rups.	01,725	00
9. Now the comodities delivered in barter for y^e above mentioned Taffataies were quicksilver and vermillion viz., y^e quicksilver at rups. 3 ꝑ seere and 593 sr. (seere?) vermillion at rup. 3½ ꝑ 8 sr. (seere?) To this I answer that for y^e quicksilver it is a very lowe rate, and as for y^e vermillion none hath bin sold at soe low a price either in y^e preceeding or following bookes and in y^e following bookes it was disposed at 4 and 5½ rup. ꝑ seere soe y^e medium is 4 rw. 10 ans. ꝑ seere which makes y^e difference rw. 14 ans. ꝑ s^r allowed y^e Company am^t to . . . Rup.	641 :	04
12. Mamood Izzuff hath creditt by proffitt & Losse rup. 118 : 12 ans. for Interest of 2,500 rupees. To this I answer		

that the Company were not Indebited to him rup. 200 and whereas hee hath creditt for y^{e} s^{d} interest it appeares to bee a cleare mistake for that hee should have bin charged herewith hee being Indebted to y^{e} Company for a sloope sold him which may bee soone discovered by y^{e} Acco^{t} soe that Mr. Blake is not onely to bee charged with his mistake of rw. 118 : 12 ans. but also y^{e} like sume which y^{e} said Mamood Izzuff ought to have allowed y^{e} Company soe y^{e} whole mistake is . . . . . . Rups. 237 : 08

13. Proffitt and Losse is charged to Boates, amongst w^{ch} there is a small Bora s^{d} to bee taken by Mamod Izzuff y^{e} Govern^{r} of Ballasore to carry provisions on bord y^{e} Kings sloopes and by y^{t} meanes sunck. It is not reasonable that this boate should be thus writt off but charged to y^{e} s^{d} Mamoods accomp^{t}, whoe in all reason ought to sattisfy for y^{e} same, if that hee hath not already in some other way made Mr. Blake recompence and in such safe, then Mr. Blake ought to make good 200 00

13. Bollysin hath creditt by proffitt and Losse rup. 10 for soe much (as it is said) to have rec^{d}. less for quicksilver &c. sold then hee stands charged with. To this I answer that hee bought noe quicksilver or other goods of the Com^{ps}. as is suggested for the originall of his debt doth arise in former bookes by transfering p^{t} of one Jogos debt to his acco^{t} to bee paid in 40 daies soe y^{t} from hence and what before noated from sever^{ll} parcells may bee seene y^{e} mistakes or falcities of y^{e} journ^{ll} parcell . . . . . . Rups. 10 00

23. Lead hath creditt by acco^{t} currant for 17½ mds. said to bee wanting in weight without giveing any reason how the s^{d} want did arise. It may bee supposed y^{t} ye said want did arrise by Mr. Blakes intrusting the warehouse in y^{e} charge of a Banian contrary to y^{e} Comps. order soe that untill better sattisfaccon bee given Mr. Blake ought to be charged therewith at 10 rups. maund . . . . Rups. 175 00

Interest brought to acco^{t} in fol. 15 and other places shall be noated at close of the whole business.

Expences brought to acco^{t} in these bookes for 9 months *vizt.*

23. Charges dyett brought to acco^{t} . Rups. 1,379: 14¼

Presents given away rw. 3,976 14 as. whereof rw. 3,000 y^{e} annual allowance . Rups. 3,976: 14

Charges Generall for servants wages coolies and severall others expences y^{e} extravagancy of which may bee seene in y^{e} booke of ꝑticulers in regard they are not entred in y^{e} journall . . . . . Rups. 5,949: 01¼

11,305: 13¾

Deduct the annual allowance of . 3,000

Total . 8,305: 13¾

Rupees 8,305 : 13 ans. y^{e} nett expence in 9 mos. at 2086 ꝑ rw. is £1,038-04 : 07—

Hughly and Ballasore Bookes No. I beginning y^{e} ꝑ Septr. 1666 and ending y^{e} 31st October 1668 is 2 yeares 2 mos. Mr. W. Blake Cheife.

7. Thomas Pratt hath creditt by sundry accot Rups. 3,374 ye principall disbursments whereof is rup. 795 : 8 ans. for presents and rup. 2,520 for charges generall for 14 mos. sd to bee according to agreement but by whome this agreement is made is not menconed neither hath ye agreement bin ever sent for England ye remainder of ? creditt is for refuse Looking glasses and sword blades retourned formerly sent by Mr. Blake for presents. Itt is not reasonable yt such allowances should bee made without ye approbation of ye Agent and Councell or consent of ye Councell in ye Bay soe that if this allowance was made (which is much to bee doubted) yett it being done contrary to order Mr. Blake ought to make good the same Rups. 3,374 : 00

8. The Ballance of Pratt's Accot. made paid rw. 2314 : 11 ans.

8. Taffataies are charged to quicksilver for 450 peeces bought in truck for quicksilver but not menconed of whome bought *viz.* 150 at 5 rw. 2 ans. ℘ peece and 300 at 4 rw. 10 ans. ℘ peece in Cassumbazar as before noated in bookes G. fol. 17 the said sorts cost moe but rupees 3¼ ℘ peece And soe ye 150 peeces are overrated 1 rw. 14 ans. ℘ peece is rup. 281 : 4 ans and ye 300 peeces rup. 1 : 6 ans. ℘ peece or rup—soe ye principall overrate is . . . . Rupees 693 : 00

Quicksilver in truck for these Taffataies were delivered at rw. 3 ℘ seere.

11. Saltpeetre is charged to cash for 165 mds. twice boyled at rup. 2 : 4 ans. ℘ maund. The Comps. twice boyled peetre at Pattana bookes No. 9—cost but about 1 rw. ℘ maund but allowing 1 rw : 8 ans. ℘ maund cleared of all charges to Hughly, soe ye above menconed peetre is overrated ¾ rup. ℘ maund or rup : 103 : 12 ans. and further at this time ye Company had noe occasion for salt peetre there being soe great a quantity remayning at Hughly and Ballasore ye the overrate is . . . . Rups. 13 12

13. Cash hath creditt by charges Generall allowed Thomas Pratt for his stay and demorage of a vessell forty dayes. There was noe reason for this allowance for in fol. 7 of this journall it is there menconed that hee was then discharged . . . . . . Rups. 200 0

14. Cash hath creditt by Thomas Pratt his accot of time for rup. 1,500 menconed to bee formerly sent him at Interest at his proceeding to Decca and afterwards in fol. 30 of this journall Thomas Pratts accot time hath creditt by Thomas Pratt without paying ye money. To this I answer that if ye said money had bin really lent for ye Comps service or with ye advice of Councell it would have bin charged when lent and not sometime after it was noated yt hee was discharged ye Comps. service or at least before ye time of his flight and ye Nabobs seizure of his estate soe yt in all reason Mr. Blake ought to repay this money principall as before menconed is . .Rups. 1,500 0

15. Cash hath creditt by presents rw. 400 said to bee given *viz.*, rw. 200 in severalls but what these severalls are is not mentioned and for ye other rups. 200 noe

mencon is made whither in specie or not Rups. 400 :—

17. Cash hath creditt by Profitt and Losse rupees 595 said to bee exacted by y^e Nabobs officers on acco^t. rend ? of Bandur and Gurhattee y^e—Townes being ruined by a fflood and y^e tennants not able to pay there rents. Touching y^e acceptance of these townes and payment of this money (if any such thing was) concernes onely Mr. Blake to allow and not y^e Comp. . . . . .Rups. 595 0

Bandure and Gurhattee townes above montoned hath credit by proffitt and Losse rup. 334. The inhabitants being said to bee undone through y^e bad Goverment of y^e Nabob. These Townes originally being brought to acco^t in lew of goods Debts without any reason given for the same but crowded in by Mr. Blake to secure his own ꝑticuler Debts.

17. Therefore this and all other losses arising by these and other Townes ought to bee made good by him as also interest for y^e whole debts of s^d Townes from y^e time they are brought to acco^t but y^e credditt cleared by proffit and Loss is this parcell as before menconed is . . . . . . .rups. 334 00

18. Bullion hath creditt by cash Rs. 2,649:04 ans. said to bee sold y^e 4th Nevember and yett it is not brought to accot. untill y^e pro may neere six mo^s after sold soe y^t by this abuse of selling silver and other goods and not bringing y^e money to acco^t in a considerable time after causeth a considerable charge of interest to bee placed to acco^t in y^e bookes but of this more hereafter.

20. Narrandas hath creditt by Charges Generall for wages from the month of November 1665 to March 1667 rup. 784:—but upon what ground or reason this wages is brought to acco^t is not mentioned and in regard no such allowance ought to bee made y^e s^d Narrandas Mr. Blake to repay the same . . . Rup 784 0 0

20. John March hath creditt by house of George Edwards for fitting and finishing of s^d house for accomodation of Mr. Blakes family and house of George Edwards is afterwards cleared by Charges Generall, Mr. Blake had noe good reason for putting this charge upon y^e Company there being sufficient accomodacon for him in their own house unless for y^e more private carrying on of his ꝑticuler trade and other matters to the Comp's Damage y^e charge brought to acco^t in this parcell is . . . . Rups. 162 14½ 0

21. Cash hath creditt by acco^t. Interest Rup. 157:8 ans. allowed after y^e rate of 18 ꝑ ct. ꝑ ann: This interest ought not to bee allowed for the reasons sett forth in fol. 18. But allowing 9 ꝑ cent. ꝑ ann: according to y^e rate Mr. Blake paid. And about this time Mr. Blake and others left out their owne money to y^e Comander of the *Greyhound* at 12 ꝑ cent. ꝑ ann: and soe y^t reasoning—according to y^e rate Mr. Blake pd as aforesaid y^e overcharge is . . . Rups. 78 12 0

21. Cash hath creditt by Profitt and Losse Rups. 323 for Interest allowed Jago. D^e matto for 200 rups. at 18 ꝑ cent. ꝑ ann: from 15th June to y^e 8th May. To this I answer that in y^e foregowing Bookes H this 2,000 rups.

is not brought to acco^{ts} or made received by y^e
said Jago untill the last of August from w^{ch} time to
y^e 8th May at 9 ꝑ cent. allowing y^e s^d 2,000 rups.
to bee regularly taken up amount but unto rup. 122:
2 ans. soe y^e overcharge is . . . . Rups. 201 0

22. Gomorpore Townes hath creditt by proffitt and Losse
rups. 20 s^d to bee lost by s^d Townes this Mr. Blake to
allow for y^e reasons before menconed folio 17 Rupees 20 0

23. Cash hath creditt by proffitt and Losse Rs. 117 *vizt.*
100 rup. of Hiddo Malleek for 5 months 4 dayes rup.
77 : 00 At 9 ꝑ cent. is but . . 38 : 08
overcharged Rs. . . . 38 08
1,000 rup. allowed Jogo D^e Matto for Interest for
6 month 20 days rup. 100 : 00
y^e money was brought to acco^t but y^e may soe—
but for 2 mos. $\frac{1}{10}$ at 9 ꝑ cent. is but rup. 15 : 12
overcharged . . Rupees 84 0
soe y^e overrate in these two parcells amount to Rs. 122 12

25. Cash hath creditt by Iron Rup. 24 soe much s^d to bee
formerly charged more then rate for 37$\frac{3}{4}$ maunds.
Upon examination I finde noe such parcell in these
or y^e former bookes, soe this mistake to bee made
good by Mr. Blake 24 0

25. Cash hath creditt by proffitt and Losse for Interest, *viz^t.*
allowed Jogo D^e Matto Int of rup. 1,000 for 6 months
11 days . . . . Rup. 100 : 00
Allowed ditto for Interest of 1,000 rupees more Rs. 95 : 0
195 : 00

To this I answer y^t there is only 4 months 11 days
due for yee form 1,000. rw. (being recd. ꝑ May and
pd. 1,276 following) w^{ch} at 9 ꝑ cent. ꝑ. an. is 32:
12 ans. and as touching the latter 100 rup. noe such
money was borrowed neither hath he credtt. in acco^t
for y^e same . . . . 38 : 12

soe the overcharge in y^e two ꝑtells above mentioned 162 : 04
Allowed Hiddo Maleek for Inter (interest ?) rw. 1,500
for 7 months 11 days per . . rw. 165 : 12
Interest of ditto at 9 ꝑ cent. is . rw. 82 : 14
overcharged . . Rupees 82 : 14
Allowed Burnnell for interest rw 2,000 for 2 months 10
days . . . . Rs. 46 : 11
Interest of ditto at 9 ꝑ cent. is . . Rs. 35 : —:
overcharged Rupees . . 11 : 11
in all Rupees . . 256 : 13
Allowed and made good in acco^t in fol. 26 for an
error . . . . 100 : —
156 : 13

29. Cash hath creditt by Proffitt and Losse p^d Hiddo
Maleek for Interest of 500 rw. 10 months at 18 ꝑ
cent. . . . . rw. 75
Interest of ditto at 9 ꝑ cent. is but . rw. 37 : 8
overcharged . . . 37 : 08
194 : 0 5

30. Agazad hath creditt by proffitt and Losse rup. 85 : 8 ans.
for 4—of this said to bee borrowed in ans. 1664 for y^e
use of the Madrass pinace and throwne overboard in
a storme. To this I answer y^t if there was really such
a losse (and hee not recompensed some other way)
then it ought to have bin brought to acco^t before y^e

yeare 1667 soe this parcell to bee further examined wheither y^{e} s^{d} Gunns were really borrowed for y^{e} Comps. Acco^{t} or Mr. Blakes ꝑticuler occasions amo^{t} to . . . . Rw.	85 : 08
32. Thomas Pratt his account of time hath creditt by Province of Bengall Rup. 1,536 : 01 ans. for severall ꝑticulers of his said to be seized for y^{e}—why y^{e} s^{d} Pratts accompt of time should have—of Bengall charged for y^{e} same is not well to be understood unless Mr. Blake did designe it—y^{t} soe much money was really due to y^{e} said Pratt on his Acc^{t} and of time to extinguish y^{e} said Pratt reall Debt on his acco^{t} propper for what due from him or rather Mr. Wm. Blake as before is sett forth soe his ꝑticell to bee drawne off That y^{e} s^{d}—may not have creditt or occasion a difference between his relatons and y^{e} Compy when noe such thing is due to him neither is it reguler that such matters ꝑticule persons should bee brought into y^{e} Comps. bookes . . . . Rs.	1,536 : 01
33. Cash hath creditt by proffitt and Losse rup. 350 for Interest of rup. 5,000 for 7 months at 1 ꝑ ct. but allowing 9ꝑ cent. ꝑ an. amt to Rupees. 262 : 8 ans. soe the overcharge is . . . . Rup.	87 : 08
35. James Price hath creditt by Charges Generall for severall expences in procuring Phirmaunds and makeing complaints against y^{e} Dutch Rups. 1,129 : 8 what order or direccons of—concurrent with those of Mr. Blake for y^{e} D. M. price continnuance and allowance of his expence and what perticuler—or phirmaunds hee procured (for I finde none) for this money . . Rup.	1,129 : 00
37. Jerome Maleek hath creditt by proffitt and Losse rup. 122 : 4 ans. for Interest of money said to bee borrowed of Muddam Maleek. To this I answer that upon examinacon I do not finde any monies to bee borrowed of y^{e} s^{d} Muddam neither hath hee any accots in these bookes so y^{e} mistake is . . . Rup.	122 : 04
Ditto Jerom Maleek hath creditt by Thomas Pratt rup. 113 : 10 ans. s^{d} to bee formerly expended on his vessell. If this money was really thus expended (although its much to bee feared) y^{e} said Pratt being run away from the Nabob's service and therefore now charged to y^{e} his accot yett it noe ways concernes y^{e} Company to allow for y^{e} time in regard y^{e} s^{d} boate was seized for y^{e} King of India and not applyed to y^{e} Comp. use . . . . Rups.	113 , 10
38. Cash hath creditt by house of George Edwards p^{d} on acco^{t} rent this noe wayes concernes the Company to allow in reguard the said house was taken for Mr. Blakes ꝑticuler occasions . . . . . Rups.	200 0
40. Timbers hath creditt by charges Gennerall Rup. 100 for 50 timbers given Jarom Maleek to rebuild his house. The building of his house concerned not the Company and these timbers being thus given by Mr. Blake he ought to satisfy for them according to their reall value being at least 60 rw. ꝑ corge as usually sold amo^{t} to . . . . Rup.	150 0

Expences brought to acco^t during the continuance of these Bookes being two yeares two mos..

40. Presents given away including Rups. 6,000 for the anuall allowance of rw. 3,000 to y^e Govern of Hughly or rather y^e King of India rup. 11,218 : 04
charges Diett spent . . . rw. 3,507 : 05¼
Charges Generall y^e foote of that acco^t over and above what charged in journll folio 40 . . . . . 21,842 : 02¼ — 36,567 : 11½

Rups. 36,567 : 11½ ans. at ⅔ rupee ?
amo to . . . . . £4,570-19 : 04

43. Harrichurne hath creditt by Charges Gennerall Rup. 90 for 6 mos. wages 9*s.* for what reason or service this allowance was made there being noe necessity for y^e same . . . . Rup. 90 0

Hughly and Ballasore bookes K beginning y^e primo 8th November 1668 and ending the 31st March 1669 Mr. William Blake Chiefe.

3. James Price hath creditt by Charges Gennerall for 4 mos. wages rup. 160 :—and rup. 700 for a Phirmaund to cleare them of all customes which y^e Nabob ordered to bee exacted I finde noe consultacon for payment of this wages or allowing rup. 700 for procuring a new Phirmaund soe y^e untill better sattisfaccon bee given as to y^e necessity and payment of this money it ought not to be allowed . . Rups. 860 0

4. Cash hath creditt by acco^t paid in part for two porgoes lading of salt peetre g^t 2,000 maunds at 10 ans. ꝑ maund g^t, if this salt peetre was carried from Hughly to Ballasore or from Ballasore to y^e coast of Cormandell.

5. ——hath credit by salt peetre for 386 maunds Ballasore at 2½ rw. ꝑ maund but allowing 1¾ rw. ꝑ maund which is more then it was at Pattana wth y^e charges from thence to Hughly.

13. Mullusham hath credit by 600 maunds trebble refined peetre at rw. 4¼ ꝑ maund there was noe occasion for buying this salt peetre but allowing 2 rups. ꝑ maund which is more then it will cost from Pattana wth all charges it is overcharged or at best an unecessary charge of 2¼ rup. ꝑ maund w^{ch} amo^t to . . . . Rup. 1,350 0

Antonio Dorgoes hath creditt by salt peetre rw. 1,158 : 13 ans. for 485 maunds 35 s^r of peetre but allowing 1¾ rup. ꝑ maund it am^{ts} to rup. 850-4½ soe y^e Company pay an extraordinary rate of . Rup. 308 08½

14. Mohbutt Caune hath creditt by salt peetre *viz.* 482 mds. 28 s^r trebble refined peetre at 4 rw. ꝑ md. rup. . . . 1,930 : 12¾
At 2 rup. ꝑ maund it will amount to but Rs. 965 : 6¼

Rated at more then cost from Pattana . 965 : 06½

931 maunds twice boyled peetre at rw. 3 : 4 as. ꝑ maund amo^{ts} to . . rw. 3,025 : 12

Ditto at rw. 1¾ ꝑ maunds amo^{ts} to but . . . . . . rw. 1,629 : 4

1,396 : 04

	These two parcells cost more then it might have bin bot. for at patt. . . . . Rw.	2,362 14½
16.	Cash hath creditt by acct sallary where amongst y^{e} ffactors wages is crowded in rup. 75 said to bee paid. Herrochurne a native of y^{e} country for 5 months sallary this y^{e} Company ought not to be charged with . . . . Rup.	75 00
	Cash hath creditt by house of George Edwards rup. 100 for 5 mos. rent for Mr. Blake, also in fol. 4 is charged rup. 17 : 8 as. all which y^{e} said Mr. Blake ought to make sattisfaccon for . . . . . . Rup.	117 08
16.	Cash hath creditt by Charges Generall for 5 mos. sallary paid to Parbooty rw. 50 which y^{e} Company ought not to bee charged with all 9 also rw. 50 s^{d} to bee paid y^{e} country Doctor for physick for Mr. Blake which is togeither . . . . Rups.	100 00
16.	Salt peetre hath creditt by profitt and Losse for 301 mds. 15½ s^{r} s^{d} to bee lost by long lying in thatcht warehouses. Why this loss should bee charged in regard every individuall bagg of peetre upon its receipt is broug to acco^{t} to y^{t}: 2 mds. and upon sending sd. peetre for y^{e} fort or England each bagg is Invoyced to g^{t} maunds as brought to acco^{t} afores^{d}. soe y^{e} unless there had bin a reall want in y^{e} number of baggs of peetre, there is noe reason for this charge. But that on y^{e} contrary Mr. Blake ought to sattisfy for y^{e} same in regard hee intrusted y^{e} natives of ye country with y^{e} Companies warehouse contrary to order y^{e} loose cleared as above amo^{ts} to . Rups.	620 : 0 2¾
18.	Chim Cham hath creditt by account Interest Rup. 1,417: 08 as. at 1½ ꝑ cent. ꝑ mo. This ought not to bee allowed in regards y^{e} s^{d} Chim Cham &ct. were indebited to y^{e} Company a considerable sume of money a great part of y^{e} time for which hee is allowed this interest, and yett hee allowes noe Interest. And further there was noe reason for allowing 18 ꝑ cent. ꝑ an. when Mr. Blake paid but 9 ꝑ cent. soe y^{e} allowing Interest to bee regularly due yett y^{e} overcharge is . . . . Rups.	708 : 12 0
18.	Why Mr. Thomas Stiles should bee allowed Rup. 368-8 and for Interest beeing after y^{e} rate of 18 ꝑ cent. ꝑ an. when y^{e} natives lett out their money at 9 ꝑ cent. but however allowing him 12 ꝑ cent. hee ought to repay . . . . Rups.	120 : 0 8

Expences brought to acco^{t} during the continuance of these Bookes being 5 mds. *viz* :—

18.	Charges Dyett . . .	Rupees	700 : 0 9
	Presents		600 : 0 8
	Charges Generall Servants wages &ct.		5,351 : 11 0
		Rupees	6,652 : 12

Rupees 6,652 : 12 as. at 2-8 6 ꝑ rup amo^{t} to £ 831 : 11 : 10.

Interest brought to acco^{t} over and above what before menconed allowed unto Chim Cham and Mr. Thomas Stiles Rup. 4,361 :—After y^{e} rate of 15 ꝑ cent. ꝑ a^{nn}: to 24 ꝑ cent. ꝑ an. but allowing—y^{e} overrate in this ꝑtell is Rupees.

HUMP: EDWIN & AUDE.

February 22nd, 1670-71.

G. . C. P. Office—No. 149 F. D.—7-7-91—500.—T. Y.

Ballasore, 12th October 1673.

MR. MATH^{w} HERNE.

Worthy and much honoured Sir,

I beg your pardon for my giving you the trouble of these lines being altogether a stranger to you, yet your worthiness encourageth my necessitie to seek to you for redress haveing lately received very hard usage in Bengall. I have served the Hono^{ble} Company in Decca neer five years and about eight months since, having some particular service to doe for M^{r} Vincent, when done proved not to his content, upon which though my actions to him were just as I am ready to make appear, he took up a resolution not to rest satisfied till he wrought my ruine, though it cost half that he himself was worth as he hath declared to many in Bengall. Soon after upon his arrival at Ballasore haveing great influence on M^{r} Clauvell he prevailed with him to send one to preceed me with an order in his pocket for my departure thence within ten daies, knowing that (after five yeers residence in a place and my estate being small and scattered abroad in those ꝑls.) was the readie way to work my ruine, and indeed they have not much been shortned in expectation, nor doe I know how they intend to proceed in this not reasonable but malicious design and have cause to fear though not what they justly doe to me yet the envy and power of those who have already gone so far; and they have made M^{r} Hervey second in Decca who manageth all affairs there, (a known athist, one that denieth that there is either God or Divell which suppose you need not information of it being so comonly known by all people). He makes it his business not onely to ruine my ꝑticular concern there but makes all debts bad that stand out for acco^{ts} of the Hono^{ble} Comp^{a}, thereby to ruine my reputation as well as estate. It canot be supposed that such things are for their interest as spoiling any ꝑt. of there estate to bring the ꝑson that managed it into disesteem; and rather then fail in carrying on of this design of M^{r}. Vincent, they blame mee as being the cause of the piscash given the Nabab last year, notwithstanding the good success, it pleased God, I had in the managem^{t} of it, tho' I confess there had been no need of a piscash nor had our master's business impeed had not Mr. Clauvell at that time joined with the Dutch Director and refused to see the Governor when he was goeing to Decca, tho' he stayed two daies in expectation of a little out of Hughly, and had M^{r} Clauvell made use of this opportunity our masters affairs might have gone in a better channell then they have done or are like to doe. The Governor then quarrelling with so strong an enemy as the Dutch, was necessitated and for his own interest would then have done more for the English then otherwise wee could or can expect, but finding us so much concerned with the Dutch he made his complaints as much against us as the Dutch, and ones business mett not with more stop then the others, had wee kept ourselves out as wee might have done. Our masters affairs would have been better not......by what hapned to the Dutch—M^{r}. Vincent sends not in his motive towards mee, but he by endeavouring force money from several of the servants of Cassumbazar unjustly, as it is reported for himself not the Hono^{ble} Company hath killed an native; which hath altogether cost our masters rup^{s} 10,000, and if it cost no more yet doth so incence the natives that they will watch all oportunities to force money from us. I wish the height of his pride end here that our hono^{ble} masters nor thee servants suffer more by it though 'tis much to be feared.

What for my own part I have acted since imployed in the service, I think you had as full a sight of as they here, and I appeal to yourself whether or not from any just cause of neglect or els in my master's affairs either as to investments made or other I was dismissed of the imployment, I was then in at Decca, if not then beg you'l please to endeavour my resettlement there that I may secure my master's estate and my own things, and I may not for any by end of theirs suffer unjustly both in my estate and reputation at once, in which you will ever oblig^{e}

Sir,

Your troubled and necessitated but
ffaithful and humble servant,

JOHN SMITH.

P. S.—At that time when they called me from Decca M^{r}. Clauvell and M^{r} Vincent gave private order at Hughly detaining my goods have done accordingly.

By—The Court of Committees hold on the 13th day of August 1675.

Resolved, that noe person whatever or other than such as are freemen & adventurers in the general joint stock of this Company or owners of shipping in joint stock, be permitted to send out on the Companies shipping any bullion or treasure in gold or silver. That order shall be sent for the Coast of Chormandal or Bay of Bengala.

By—The Court of Committees hold on the 24th day of November 1675.

It is ordered, that all persons who are permitted to expect bullion or treasure on the Companies shipping for the Coast and Bay doe signe the Affirmaton following, *viz:*—

> I- A. B., by the oath I have taken as a freeman of the East India Comp^{a} doe declare that the above said treasure to be transported is for my own proper acco^{t}, and that noe other persons either hath or shall have directly or indirectly any share or interest therein; and that the proceed and profit thereof is to be invested in India, and to be brought home for my own proper adventure and accomp^{t}, and that the profit thereof in England is to be for my own proper accomp^{t}.

And that Samuel South doe receive sure subscriptions and file them on a file and enter them in a book for that purpose; and take care to exam^{n} whether the said person or persons so subscribing that note be at present an adventurer or adventurers in the generall joint stock and free of the Company & under the usual vote of freemen; and that finding them so qualified he doe them give him or them a note directed to the Cashire to receive freight & permission to lade the same treasure, and that the Cashire do not receive or give receipt or testify for any freight or permission before he have sure note to warrant him therein. And that all, in the general joint stock since the 18th of August—entries as aforesaid shall, besides the affirmation abovesaid from henceforth affirm That the adventures by them bought such a day are really and *bonâ fide* for their own proper acco^{t} & for the acco^{t} of noe other person whatsoever.

And it is also ordered that Mr. Sprigg and his assistant doe not permit any entries of gold or silver at the Custom House by any Comand^{r} Officer or seaman for their own acco^{t} or for the acco^{t} of any, the owners of shipping bound for India, nor to be shipt on board without special order of Court.

And it is further ordered that the Committees for the Treas^{y} the delivery of any diamonds or other fine goods that shall come from India consigned to any freemen require and take an affirmaton under their hands declaring that the said diamonds or other goods are for their own proper acco^{t} or that they declare for whose acco^{t} they are, to the end the Comp^{a} may not be defrauded of the 4 ⅌ C^{t}. ins. from fforeigners at ffreight & permission for lading the same.

Resolved that all persons being freemen and advent^{es} be permitted to ship out for the Coast & Bay to the value of what their principal stock paid in amounts unto & noe more, so as their said stock exceed not £1,000; and when any advent^{es} stock exceeds that summ, yet they shall not be ꝑmitted to send out more than one thousand pounds.

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Richard Edwards in my presence and M^{r} Coles dec^{d} had called you damned dogg, also many other reproachfull names, because you write to the Hon^{ble} Company and divers ꝑsons at the Coast that you could produce Taffaties and other goods at much lower rates then M^{r} M^{r} charged att which hee saide hee knew to be greate lies. The aforesaid ꝑson allsoe, George Kinpe a short time after wee heard fire at Ballasore, examined who suffered by it, but when they heard that you escaped great loss they wished you had been utterly ruined by it. I assure you these are no untruth. I believe you remember when you was here last R. E.'s malice towards you by the gross language hee gave you which has not been lost (it is reported to mee amongst his debaucht companions).

Richard Edwards has for many months since hee has been here taken Bramines wife for his companion which when her husband heard of or some other relacons, they complained to Bulchund, the Nabobb Governour at Muxadavad, who sett peons upon our ffactory doore and demanded us to deliver her up, but though that was not granted presently yet were they forced to comply therewith and the woman putt into irons & R. E. by relation of those that at that time were here (for I was not) say hee was in danger of his life and afraid to stier out. After Bulchand had examined the woman, hee demanded a very considerable summe for that offence more than R. E. could produce, wherefore his demand was not complied with, it being no concern of the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as}, but our merchants here who had greate acquaintance with Bulchand informing the said ꝑson the nature of the business and that hee was the Comp^{a} servant that did it without their approbac̃on, as allsoe though often (slave-like) attendance of M^{r} Edwards on said Governour to pleade for himselfe togeather with presents given the aforesaide Governour which is pretended were given upon our emploiers acco^{t}, but it may be suspected for the other insomuch that hee demanded afterwards R. 1,300 which R. E. would not concent to; whereupon the said Governour threatned to make it knowne to the Nabobb of Dacca, to prevent which R. E. proffered him a certaine summe but it was not accepted of; after the said Governours return from Dacca our people invited him (M^{r} Vincent being then att Ballasore) whom hee tolde hee had very much defended in the former business and that hee would not take less then Rup^{s} 1,100 which if they would not pay, hee said he would force a greater fine from them; therefore to avoide a greater damage that might ensue upon M^{r} M^{r} disbursed the said summe, a short time after (R. E. being impoverished by his ill courses almost) and piscashed Bulchand that day notwithstanding hee confessed to be satisfied yet hee refused to give us assurance under his hand that wee should not be molested hereafter upon that acco^{t}, soe that whenever hee findes noe other way to gett money from our Masters, it is to be doubted hee will use that. I suppose you have read some small relacon of this business in the Comp^{a} Generall upon hence to Ballasore.

Since hee heard of Major Puckles coming hither hee hath sent the Braminies wife to Hughly with an intend (it is related mee) to marry her to whome hee can as G. K. hath done with his, but near her departure shee saide he would not put her off soe and called him many scornefull names, saying that hee had beene the undoeing of her and that she would seeke redress by making Bulchund acquainted thereof, again as allsoe greater trouble then heretofore if hee would not be contented to enjoy.

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London, 24th December 1675.

Our Agent and Councell at Fort St. George.

£20 ꝑ ann^{m} gratuity to Mr. Charnock while remaines at Pattana.

Upon the commendation you give us of Mr. Job Charnock wee have resolved that for his incouragement during his stay in our service at Pattana to give him £20 ꝑ ann^{m} as a gratuitie to commence from the arrival of these ships, and if any alteration shall be made in our factory under your agency somewhat may be done for his further advancem^{t}.

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Mr. Hall's charge against Mr. March and Mr. Vincent to be fully examined when Mr. Master goes down.

As to the charge exhibited by Mr. Hall against Mr. March and Mr. Vincent we find there was ground for it, and if that business has not been already fully examined by Mr. Puckle we doe require that when Mr. Master goes downe (of whom we write you in an after clause) it may be exactly done.

Romish priests visit Mr. Vincent, and if Mr. Vincent be guilty of Rugo Powdar's death unfaithful to——to be discharge and sent home.

We are informed that our Factory at Cassambazar is frequently visited by Jesuits and Romish priests that goe up and downe to Mr. Vincent's wife and family which wee require to be wholly refrained if he stay and remain in our service. And if Mr. Vincent shall be found to have any hand in the death of Rugo Potdar or accessary thereunto, or has been unfaithful in the discharge of his trust, that then he be discharged of our imploym^{ts} and sent home.

London, 15th December 1676.

Our Agent and Councell at Fort St. George.

When we required an acco^{t} of you of our Chaplains on the Coast and Bay you only tell us if there be any scandall in them & will be wrote us from Metchlep^{a} and the Bay, as if you were a discharge of your duty, when as wee have made all in those places subordinate to you, and you complayne.

Exd.—T. Y.

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At a Consultation in Fort S^{t} George, y^{e} 6 February $167\frac{3}{4}$.

Being present.
S^{R} W^{M} LANGHORN, *Governour.*
JOSEPH HYMNERS.
EDWARD HERRYS.
JNO. BRIDGER.
TIM. WILKES.

The Hono^{ble} Company having in their letter of 13 December 1672 sent us out a charge against Mr. Matthias Vincent, second of y^{e} Bay consisting of four papers, *viz^{t}*, a letter of Mr. Joseph Halls of 12 November to S^{r} W^{m} Thomson, and three other letters of his to Mr. Clavell of 4-12-18 ditto, with order in the 9 paragraph of their said letter, to cause it to be strictly examined, and if wee shall find him guilty of what is there layd to his charge, to doe therein as wee shall find to be equall and just, and most for their service.

The Agent and Councell having carefully perused and considered y^{e} same, doe find great difficulty in y^{e} execution thereof, in regard y^{t} Mr. Hall in his said letters does so charge Mr. Clavell, y^{e} Cheife of y^{e} Bay, of confederacy with Mr. Vincent, y^{t} if it be true as he writes, wee shall want some fuller instructions what course to take for y^{e} due examination thereof. If not true all the rest may be rationally conjectured to be no otherwise, so y^{t} in this uncertainty wee shall be sure to exasperate y^{e} partyes against Mr. Hall, but not sure to doe our Hono^{ble} employers any service.

And having since received another paper from y^{e} said Mr. Hall of 30 Octo^{r} last, charging Mr. Vincent with y^{e} death of Rugo Podar, and Rup^{s} 12,000 charges thereon to y^{e} Governor and under officers at Cassumbazar, by them placed to y^{e} Hono^{ble} Comp^{s} Accompt w^{ch} y^{e} Bay Gen^{ll} of 27 Octo^{r} sayes, was an accidentale quarrell between two of y^{e} Hon^{ble} Companyes servants, and would cost Rup^{s} 10,000 to compose, but referring us to their fuller advices hereof from Hughly, wee suspend our judgment untill the business be throughly examined, and in like manner it is resolved to be for y^{e} service of our Hono^{ble} employers to suspend y^{e} examination of y^{e} said charge untill new orders from them, or advices from y^{e} Bay, shall direct us how to proceed therein.

JNO. NICKS, *Sec^{ry}.*
W. LANGHORN.
J. HYMNERS.
JNO. BRIDGER.
EDWARD HERRYS.
TIM. WILKES.

At a Consultation in Fort S^{t} George, y^{e} 18 February $167\frac{4}{5}$.

Being present.
S^{R} W^{M} LANGHORN, *Governour.*
JOSEPH HYMNERS.
EDWARD HERRYS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIM. WILKES.
JACOB SMITH.

Mr. Matthew Manwaring, the second of Metchlep^{m}, his request of 12th curr^{t} for moneys due to him from y^{e} Hono^{ble} Comp^{ee} for sallarys, dyett monys, servants, lamps and candles, and w^{ch} upon the offence taken against him by Mr. Richard Mohun for y^{e} charge brought in against him in the Hono^{ble} Comp^{ees} behalf and other pretences has remained unpaid, and in somethings his accustumary allowance belonging to his place cutt short, and it is thought fitt by the Agent and Councell to write to y^{e} Chief and Factors at Metch^{m} to pay him what due unto him according to the following acco^{t} by us stated amounting to pag^{ds} 436-2-2 if upon due examination they find it to be right stated, and in case they have not money in cash to deliver to him or his order the value in broadcloth, or lead at price curr^{t}.

As likewise on consideration of y^{e} endless debates and mutuall aspersions in and from y^{e} Bay betweene the Chief and Factors there, and their displacing of Mr. Joseph Hall and Mr. John Smith from their places of second of Hughley & Ballasore, and Chief of Decca without orders from hence, there appearing unto the Agent and Councell to be much of private matter in their cases. These fewds having now continued many yeares, especially between Mr. Matthias Vincent and Mr. Joseph Hall to the great disturbance of our Hono^{ble} Employers and their affaires, and of this Agency, who have laboured thus long to reconcile and remove these scandalls & offences, but hitherto in vaine, and finding that it will be to small purpose to send down visitours to examine matters untill the Hono^{ble} Comp^{e} shall think good to vest us with a power so to quallify and authorise them that they may administor an oath in cases requiring it, and that the Chief has by the Clauses of Judicature and examining of offences in his Maj^{ties} Charter sufficient authority to administor an oath.

It is resolved to be for y^{e} Hono^{ble} Comp^{es} service the quiet and orderly carrying on of their affairs in that Factory, and its subordinates to give these following orders.

That Mr. Joseph Hall be forthwith established Chief in Ballasore during the removall of Mr. Walter Clavell to Hughley, and Chief at Hughley, during y^{e} said Mr. Clavell's removall to Ballasore.

That Mr. John Smith be forthwith restored to his Chiefship at Decca, and Mr. Ellwayes returned to his Secondship at Pattana, where he is by the Hono^{ble} Company appointed to the succession.

That no Chiefs nor seconds of any of y^{e} Factorys be displaced or suspended without first transmitting the reasons hither & our order thereupon.

That Mr. John Smith & Sam^{ll} Horny's subscribing the Gen^{ll} Letters and Consultations be disallowed untill order from the Hon^{ble} Comp^{ee} for the same, and that we represent the conveniency of the Chiefs or Chiefs and Seconds at Hughely and Decca to be admitted of Councell as those of Cassumbazar and Pattana are, to the end they may be y^{e} better capacitated to advise and deliberate wth the Chief, &^{c}, of the Bay about the Hono^{ble} Comp^{es} affairs under their own management.

That Michaell Lovely and Peter Farrill, silk-weavers, and John Griffin, silk-throwster, be sent to y^{e} Bay by the advice *Pinch* for the Hono^{ble} Comp^{es} service in Cassumbazar.

That we do allow y^{e} Chief and Factors in the Bay to take up money at interest for y^{e} carrying on of the constant yearely Peter business at Pattana and the Taffatys at Cassumbazar, &^{c}, necessary occasions in want of bills exch^{d} from the Dutch or other supplyes.

Remains of acco^{ts} due to Matthew Manwaring :—

Sallary to 31 July 1674	174	14	5			
Dyett to 31 May	12	00	0			
} 1674						
Servants wages to 31 May	2	08	0			
				189	6	5
Dyett money from last Feb^{ry} 167$\frac{3}{4}$ to last May 1674, fifteen months y^{e} difference from 4 to 8 pag^{ds}				60	00	0
Dyett money from last May 1674 to last December 1674, months 7 at 8 pag^{ds} . . .				56	00	7
Five months sallary at 35℔ ꝑ annum the half from 31 July 1673 to 30 December 1674, 17 months				18	03	3
* Servants' wages, 7 months from last May to last December, at pag^{ds} 2½ . . .				17	08	0
Transported pag^{ds} .				341	02	2

This is Dubash's wages and not peons.

Brought over pagds	341 02 2	
This is according to the acct sent by Mr. Mohun wth the addition of pagds 4 ⅌ month dyett money. Mr. Manwaring desires over and above this an allowance for peons' wages, pleading that seeing Mr. Mohun would not allow him any of those belonging to the Honoble Compee he was fain to entertain 6, to attend him for their honour at his own charge wch he requests may be allowed him, alledging the example of Mr. Nicholas, the former Second, who had 10 peons allowed to attend him wch was not in mony but peons effective, wherefore ye Agent and Councell do not assent thereto without order from the Honoble Company.		
Mem. Wax candles and oyle for lamps wch if not allowed is due from ye time that he had no allowance from the Steward at 3 pagds ⅌ month as ⅌ the Commissry calculation for 17 months to ye last December 1674 . .	51 00 0	
Dyett for 5 months ½ that he lay sick at Maddapollm from the to at pagds 8 ⅌ month	44 00 0	
		436 02 2

All these parcells ye Chief and Councell at Metchm are desired to peruse, and if find them right may be made him good accordingly.

JNO. NICKS, *Secretary.*

W. LANGHORN.

J. HYMNERS.

EDWARD HERRYS.

JNO. BRIDGER.

TIM. WILKES.

JACOB SMITH.

At a Consultation in Fort St George, the 4 June 1675.

Being present
- SR WM LANGHORN, *Governour.*
- JOSEPH HYMNERS.
- EDWARD HERRYS.
- JOHN BRIDGER.
- TIM. WILKES.
- JACOB SMITH.

Upon the request of Hodge Mahmud, servant to Meirza Malick Cassimbeg, Sobedar or Governor of Hughley and Ballasore, now arrived here ⅌ the Shipp *Adventure*, Mr. Wm Alley, Commander, and the advice of Mr. Thomas Rolt, Chief for the Honoble Compee in Persia, of the great importance it is to the Honoble Compes affairs in Bengalla as ⅌ Mr. Walter Clavell's advices thereof to him in these words. That what furtherance or assistance he should afford Mr. Alley in their Governour's business, they should find a profitable influence from it upon the Compes affaires there, as appeares by copies of both the said papers here registered.

It it resolved to land the said mores goods and 4 horses here, giving him all possible accommodation for himself and them, and his people also, untill the arrivall of the Honoble Compes shipps from Europe, and then to give them passage thereon for the Bay.

Also to draw upon the said Governour for the summe of Rups wch the said Hodge Mahmud is indebted into Mr. Alley for the Shipp *Adventure* for the use of his Master, reserving the vallue thereof here out of the Honoble Compes stock to be sent thither, to be paid unto Mr. Alley or his order as soon as we have advice of its being received in the Bay.

JNO. NICKS, *Secry.*

W. LANGHORN.
J. HYMNERS.
EDWARD HERRYS.
JNO. BRIDGER.
TIM. WILKES.
JACOB SMITH.

Right Worshpll,—The occasion of my giving you this second trouble by the *Adventure*, is to acquaint you that there came upon the shipp from Bengalla a servant of Malick Cassum, the Governour there, who having sent upon her some sugars and other goods, but recommended to Mr. Alley's care and disposure, for the purchase of severall things he wanted from Persia, when ye accot came to be made up, the things bought heere amounted to 3,000 and odd Abasses more than his goods (sould) came to, which caused the shipps stay a whole day after she was ready to saile, to find out some way for clearing this business, wch at last was concluded thus, that Mr. Alley should pay the money taking the fellowes bill for his better security, and that I should write to your honoured self to take cognizance of the business and that Mr. Alley should be reimboursed of his money at his arrivall at Madras, wherein I found myself obliged to move you therein out of respect to the Compes affaires in the Bay, Mr. Clavell, &c, writing me that what furtherance or assistance I should afford Mr. Alley in their Governour's business they should find a profitable influence from it, upon the Compes affaires there, out of which sole respect I have wth Mr. Alley (as he will more fully advise you) undertaken great trouble and inconvenience therein, therefore am necessitated to request this favour from you, that you will be pleased to give yourselfe the trouble to write Mr. Clavell that he positively refuses things of this nature for the future and you will very much oblige

Gombroow, Ye *16 Aprill 1675.*

Your most affect friend and servant,
THOMAS ROLT.

Fort St George, the 16th February 167$\frac{5}{6}$

Papers delivered in to the Agent and Councell by Major William Puckle the 15 currt afternoone and answered unto by them the same afternoon, and this morning.

At Fort.

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Memd for Major William Puckle as foll.:—

To gett the true prizes of all commodities wch the Compee deal in at the Fort, Metchlepatam and the Bay with their severall sorts and how distinguished, &c.

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[1] We have only to refer to ye Fort Consultations, &c., advices at large imparted to Major Puckle and sent home by the ships.

3. To inquire into the differences twixt Mr. Hall and the Factors, but especially concerning the injuries done the Company.

3
At the Bay.

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3. Mr. Manwaring for wronging the Comp^{ee} in overreckoning the packing charges at Metchlep^{m} and the Bay, and overrating some of the Comp^{es} goods there, also for bringing to acco^{t} severall great summes for charges at Ballasor not allowed of by them at the Bay.

3
At Metchla^{m} and the Bay.

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4. Mr. Clavell (now Chief at the Bay) for overrating the Comp^{es} goods 40 ꝑ c^{t} and great private trading, &^{c}, and keeping the generall books himself contrary to the Comp^{es} order.

5. Mr. Read for overrating some of the Comp^{es} goods, great private trading, and swearing, &^{c}.

6. Mr. Nurse for the like and drunkenness and vyolent assaulting of Mr. Hall, &^{c}.

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These proposalls aforesaid were delivered in by Major W^{m} Puckle to the Agent and Councell and by them answered as in Margent.

JNO. NICKS, *Sec^{ry}.*

W. LANGHORN.
WALTER LAVELL.
J. HYMNERS.
EDWARD HERRYS.
JNO. BRIDGER.
TIM. WILKES.
JACOB SMITH.

Some things by way of query presented to the Agent and Councell of Fort St. George at a Consultation held there the 29 February 167$\frac{5}{6}$ for Resolution on behalf of the Hono$^{'ble}$ English East India Comp^{ee}.

S^{r} W^{m} LANGHORN, *Governour.*

Being present.
WALTER CLAVELL.
JOSEPH HYMNERS.
MAJOR W^{m} PUCKLE.
EDWARD HERRYS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIM. WILKES.
JACOB SMITH.

As to the particulars relating to Mr. Clavell the Agent and Councell doe humbly conceive :—	It's further desired that you resolve—
1. That a Chief has authority by the charter to administer an oath in matters of abuses and injurys to the Hono^{ble} Comp^{e} as more at large in the said Charter.	Whether Mr. Clavell, Chief in the Bay, hath power to administer oaths.

2. As to the enordering the execution of the said authority he has the same order there that we have here, and as to what may depend on us, the Agent and Councell in their generall letter along with Major Puckle will comfirme the Hono^{oble} Comp^{es} orders relating to his commission as amply and fully as shall be found propper for them to doe. The matters objected to Mr. Walter Clavell, as we have received them we have transmitted them to the Hono^{oble} Comp^{ee} as they stand upon record in the Fort books, who having now appointed Major Puckle to goe down and examine them, the Agent and Councell do neither take upon them to acquit or condemn, but wholly leave it to y^{e} Major's examination whose commission shall be amply confirmed in the Fort Generall along with him, not finding anything therein of misusing their cash or pressing danger requiring a more hasty proceeding.

If he hath, that he be here enordered not to neglect or refuse the sa meto all such as shall voluntarily offer themselves or be produced on behalf of the Hon'^{oble} Comp^{ee} wherein and how Mr. Clavell hath vindicated himself from those matters charged on him of arbitraryness in execution of his office mentioned in Lib. Consultation & Lib. Letters India. These proposalls, Querys presented to A. & C. ꝑ W^{m} PUCKLE,

J^{no} NICKS, *Sec^{ry}.*

At a Consultation in Fort S^{t} George, the 3rd March 167$\frac{5}{6}$.

Being present.
S^{r} W^{m} LANGHORN, *Governour.*
WALTER CLAVELL.
JOSEPH HYMNERS.
MAJOR W^{m} PUCKLE.
EDWARD HERRYS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIM. WILKES.
JACOB SMITH.

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It is likewise assented that three writers, Elihu Yale, Vincent Sayon, and Richard Brown, shall goe down wth Major Puckle for his assistance in the Bay, according to his desire hereunder, and to the end that nothing may be wanting w^{ch} this Agency can contribute to his futherance & assistance in his weighty employment.

And Mr. Clavell representing to the said Gov^{r} and Councell a great want of Englishmen for the Hono^{oble} Comp^{es} vessells in the Bay, they have likewise given leave for six men of this garrison hereunder written such as he has found fittest for their service, doe lay down their armes and goe along with him and one Throwster likewise desired for their silk business at Cassumbazar, as also on his request, one drum, tenn firelock musketts, and the bell hitherto used in this fort, the bell for the use and conveniency of their Factory of Ballasore, and more orderly observance of the howers of prayers, meals and of retirement, the drum and armes for both Factorys and vessells as occasion shall require. The said bell being too little for the forts use, and an opportunity now presenting for one a little larger w^{ch} the said Gov^{r} and Councell do find very necessary to be bought and sett up here in its roome.

The aforesaid clause of our preferm^{t} we acquiesce too with thanks.

W. LANGHORN.
J. HYMNERS.
WALTER CLAVELL.
EDWARD HERRYS.
JNO. BRIDGER.
W^{M} PUCKLE.
TIM. WILKES.
JACOB SMITH.

At a Consultation in Fort S^{t} George, y^{e} 17th July 1677.

Being present
S^{R} W^{M} LANGHORN, *Governour.*
STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYMNERS.
EDWARD HERRYS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIM. WILKES.
JACOB SMITH.

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The Hono^{ble} Comp^{e} having been pleased to appoint fraights to be paid between the Coast and Bay, *vizt.*, thirty shillings ꝑ ton thither and three pound ꝑ ton back, this is resolved to be for their serv^{ts} and freemen, strangers as in practice at home, to pay double the rate, and for their passage five pagodas a head.

Also strangers to pay half these rates between this and Metchlep^{m}. And as to the Hono^{ble} Comp^{es} servants the fraight between this and Metchlep^{m} being of small benefitt and yet some encouragement to this their own port, is referred to their pleasure.

W. LANGHORN.
STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYMNERS.
EDWARD HERRYS.
JNO. BRIDGER.
TIM. WILKES.
JACOB SMITH.

Exd.—P. K. B.

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Informations received from the Bay.

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That persons are not employed persuant to the Company's orders * because of their honesty, virtue being much dispised and * * continued in those parts, and the contrary as much esteemed * of by the generallity of English.

That all particulars of buying and selling for the Company and generalls to the Fort and Bay is kept private and transcribed by Portugueez Lads kept by the Chiefs of Bengall, a great volume of the roguery those places and others affords to the great president of the Hono'ble Company and their servants * * might be written; their servants by these ill usage fall into dispair of even coming to any preferment, and incline to ill course of debauching themselves, nay it had been through grief the death of many as divers can witness.

Extracts from General Letter from England to Fort St. George, dated 24th December 1675.

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In regard wee would have a good correspondence between our ffactorys at Metchlipatam, the Bay, and yourselves, and to keep them in due subordination, wee doe now write to them at the Bay, and would have you give the like order to Metchlepatam: (when that ffactory shall be settled) that our Chiefe and Councell there doe give particular advises of all our affaires to us, and send the coppyes thereof to you, that you may gave them and us your opinion how far what they advise may be for our advantage.

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Were enorder you to write effectually to your Chief and Councell at the Bay to provide carefull young men of about 20 years of age out of any of the ships in the Companies' service with the concent of the Comandants, to be trained up as Pylotts, but not to be imployed as writers, or on any other marcantile affairs, that thereby the Companies' shippings may with safety be carryed up the River Ganges, and send no yearly what you doe therein, and an account of their proficiency, and their journalls.

Extracts from the Hono'ble Company's General Letter to Fort St. George, dated 15th December 1676.

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We note that in your Consultation Books that Mr. Clanell and Mr. Pincent doe laugh and despise at our Agency at your ffort, and doe expect that you have called Mr. Clavell to an account for it whilst he was with you, and that the business of the Bay will be fully settled by Mr. Masters and Mr. Puckle at there going downe, for wee shall not allow any of our servants of w^{t} quallity so ever to contemn our authority, which those doe that contemne any that Act by it.

Wee find our buisiness in the Bay very much impeeded by the difference among our servants there, and our nation itself exposed to contempt through there actions w^{ch} if it be not allready settled by the going downe of Mr. Masters and Mr. Puckle, wee doe order you to take effectuall care therein; and that wee may have an accounpt thereof by the returne of these shipps; and you must make the orders you give to the subordinate ffactorys very playne, for wee observe that some are soe dubious that wee ourselves cannot apprehend your intent, but leave place for approveall or disallowance let them act how they will w^{ch} is noe good correspondance.

The orders you give that when Mr. Clavell is at Hughely, Mr. Hall should goe to Ballasore, and when Mr. Clavell removes the other should remove also we cannot apprehend to be any way for our service, and therefore doe not approve thereof. But if our Chiefe have occasion to remove frome one ffactory to another in order to our service, the next in Councell ought to remayne in your charge till his return.

They complains from thence that they soe long waite for your orders from the ffort, that it brings great inconvenience to our affairs, and therefore wee doe order upon your receit of any orders from us, you immediately send them playne and necessary directions for there proceedings, and whatsoever you find in any of our letters relative to any subordinate ffactorys let them speedily have coppyes thereof, wth necessary directions and instructions thereupon.

And in regard wee doe not at all write to Mitchlep^{m} you are to extract out of our letters what concernes yours and send it them, and take care that our and yours orders be observed and give us notice of any fayler.

Wee find ourselves at great loss for want of our Books from the subordinate ffactorys, and therefore doe order that both from the Bay and Metchlepa^{m} and all other your ffactorys they doe send double coppyes of all there Books as of there coppy book of l^{rs}, Consultations Diarys (w^{ch} they ought to keep) Journalls and Leadgers and what other Books they keepe for our service, one of each whereof is to remayne wth you to be examined, and your observations thereupon sent us, the other to be by you sent us by the yearly shiping, and wee expect likewise your Books from you, and that this order be executed by this shiping, that soe wee may yearly make our remark and advise your needfull thereupon.

G. I. C. P. O.—Nos. 195 to 197 F. D.—18-3-92.—500

At a Consultation in Fort St. George, the 3rd February 1676-7.

Being Present:

SR. WM. LANGHORN, GOVR.

STRYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYMNERS.
EDWARD HERRYS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMS. WILKES.
JACOB SMITH.

The Chief and ffactors in the Bay after that theirs 16th June 1675, and letters following upon a letter procured to be sent down by their Vaquil to the Nabob at Pattana, and a promise from the Nabob at Decca upon their addresses unto him to have their pherwanna received, Your Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} affairs did seem to afford a quiet prospective, best agreeing with their orders of 23rd December 1674 and 13th March preceeding, do now write us first by theirs 18th Octob^{r} last from Mr. Master, &c., Councell referring to his own further enquiry and information, and since by theirs of 19th and 31st December following; the former advising the issuing out an order for the Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} to pay custome upon all goods bought and sould, the latter the putting the same in execution by fetching away their boats from their wharfs, and seeing others coming downe the upland countrys, to the great hindrance of their intended returns by those ships and w^{ch} Mr. Master now returned confirms, adding that the Nabob pretends to looke backwards and demained the same for twenty years past, and besides all this an old pretence of one Desoto, a Portuguez, for about Rupees 5,300, a debt in Persia about Mr. Young's time, which for the ill consequence of it for past and future of many other like pretences of farr a greater summs has already cost the Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} about Rupees 9,000 at Decca, both w^{ch} pretences of customes in arrears and perticular men's debts, if not overruled, would swallow up a whole yeare's stock, and force them to leave off the trade, insomuch that it is absolutely necessary to procure a new pherwanna to remedy those abuses, either by sending to Agra or some other way, all which the Agent and Councell having taken into their consideration, and finding no other remedy nor meanes to obtain the said pherwanna, in regard that the Presidency of Surratt pay custome allready, and this coast is so remote under another King, and of difficult corresponding, and transactions of Court being to be followed close, and timed, and struck while the iron is hott, and ill admitting of delayes, they do resolve that it is for the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} service and of urgent necessity that they do speedily give order into Mr. Walter Clavell, Chief, &c., Counsell in the Bay, to take the best course they can to procure a pherwanna from the Moghull, and that they take care your business be well managed with all frugallity, and that it may answer the end by obtaining an effectuall pherwanna and priviledges for the future security, and encouragement of their trade, and if convenient, for the suppressing of the aforesaid and all other pretences against them for the past.

The result of Councel of Mr. Master, Mr. Clavell, &c., Factors in the Bay, against the setling or entrusting Joseph Hall and John Smith in the Chiefship at Decca, and secondship at Pattana, was then taken in consideration, which, considering the authority vested in Mr. Master and the regularity of his proceedings, remains for the Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} to determine, which being so, it is resolved that the Agent and Councell shall give order to the Bay that due care be taken by needfull assistance for the carrying on of the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} business in those parts untill further order.

(Signed) W. LANGHORN.
„ STRYNSHAM MASTER.
„ JOSEPH HYNMERS.
„ EDWARD HERRYS.
„ J. Wm. BRIDGER.
„ TIME. WILKES.
„ JACOB SMITH.

Memo. that *Bay Grall.* 15th May 1676, all things were quiett in the Bay.

G. I. C. P. O.—No. 193 F. D.—21-7-92.—500

Hon'ble Company's General Letter to Hughley, dated 7th September 1677.

Our Chief and Council
at Hughley.

London, 7th September 1677.

Since ours to you of 19th July and 2nd of August, duplicate whereof comes herewith and was intended you by the Turkey ships, it hath pleased God to arrive with us three of our four ships from your parts, *viz.*, the *Eagle*, *Johanna* and *Falcon*, they leaving the *Surr Monfoudaiets* (?) after their departure from Madras by reason of her heavie sailing, God send her in safetie to us. By these ships we receive yours the 19th January 1676, unto w^ch^ we shall give a full answer by your shipping. But in the meantime would have you take notice of some alterations we have made in the investment w^ch^ we ordered by your letter of 18th December by our last shipping to be made in your parts, and therefore we would have you goe in hands and provide the goods following:—

Coloured Ginghams	10,000 Pcs
Cossaes	10,000
Mullmulls	4,000
Silke Romalls	15,000
Nillaes	10,000
Fine Punchums? of Decca	1,000 but none coarse.
Taffaties (of which one-half cloth colours)	35,000 according to our last directions and patternes; but the raw Taffaties you send, they must be thicker and of more substance then your last els, they are not vendeble.
Glossie black Taffaties if they can be well dyed	10,000
Raw silks head and belly? such as formerly sent	600 bales.

Ordinarie raw silke such as came by the *Falcon*—

	ru.	an.	
D? (4) and cost	2	12⅜	200 bales.
Salpetre			1,000 tonns.
Floretta yarn			100 bales.

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But send us no Tincall.

We have received the Pattrons of Maulda Musters you sent us and would have you provide of them the several sorts and quantities following, but take care they be exact according to pattern you send us:—

		ru.	an.	
Mullmulls	No. G, cost	4	8	2,000 Pcs
Do.	No. F, cost	7	9	2,000
Do.	No. E, cost	16	11	2,000
Cossaes	No. D, cost	4	12	2,000
Do.	No. C, cost	9	5	1,000
Do.	No. B, cost	9	0	500
Do.	No. A, cost	14	5	500

All the Cossaes to be thinner and cleaner than the samples.

As for the clothes and other stuffs we shall write by your shipping, and returne samples of them back, and then advice what quantities we would have of each sort.

Upon viewing and opening in order to their sale which were brought home by these ships we find as follow :—

The coloured Ginghams are worse, coarse, rowy? and dear.

The millads (nillaes?) dear, and not soe good as last year, and the Cossaes A No. B. 6 C. 6 are much too thick and sent home contrary to orders.

And wee find that you have sent us short instead of 12,000 pieces of Romalls, but 4,300 p^{cs}, whereas we understand the full quantity might have been provided. And that instead of 50 bales of Floretta yarn you have only sent us 8 bales.

We are informed that——bales are procurable, within 30 miles of Pattana, and may be brought with the ? from them then from Surrat.

Wee would therefore have you give directions to Mr. Charnock to buy 10 bales of them that are good for a tryall of 16 yard long, and one yard and a nail broad.

Wee have for the encreasing the vent of your English manufacture from time to time have sent you considerable quantities, and ordered you to put them off at reasonable price. By your advises that you dispose of them either in sale or barter. Wee send less than quantitie wee usually have done, that soe you may be freed of the remains, and wee shall supplie you by time to time only with soe much as may sell for readie money, or putting them off in barter. Wee take notice that your differences amonge your Factors have hindered the due management of your affairs, and much obstructed our returnes, but by the directions given last year to our Agent and Councell at your Fort to discountenance or suspend those that should be turbulent hath allready reduced things to a better ordering and settlement; and doe expect to hear that you live in amitie each with other; and industriouslie unite in the carrying on of our business. Wee shall not now inlarge, but require you to turn what stock wee have into readie money, and particularly the gunns (which you say remaine on hand) either in barter or otherwise, and to improve it in providing the goods wee have enordered, that they may be in readinesse for the lading of our ships, and to take care that all things be managed with frugalitie, and that good orders be kept in your respective factories, and particularly that you follow the directions given for the procuring the new Phirwanud; and soe committing you to the guidance and protection of the Almightie.

We remain,
Yours loving Friends, &c.

G. I.C.P.O.—No. 194 F. D.—12-7-92.—500.—F. C. D.

Copy of Public Sundry Book, No. 1, 1677 to 1679, relative to affairs in the Bay.

Cassumbazar, 15th August 1677.

MR. JOB CHARNOCK.

RESPECTED FRIEND, &c.,

It having pleased Almighty God to take Mr. Walter Clavell from among us (he dying after four daies' sickness of a violent feaver) and the business of these parts according to the Hon'ble Companies settlement devolving on Matt^s. Vincent we thought it our duties to joyne with him in advising to y^e several inland ffactories thereby as much as in us lies to continue the well proceeding of our master's business in each of them.

And therefore in the first place we doe confirm what orders you have already received from said Mr. Clavell, &c., councell, we desire and order you not to draw any money on this factory but that what our master's business requires; for the present that you take soe much money at interest to carry it on; and we request you to spare noe pains that the quantity of petre required may this year be procured ready to be sent home as enordered. As soon as treasure arrives we shall be sending up your proportion in specie to be there sold or coyned as you shall find most advantagious.

By our last hence we sent you copie of the Hon'ble Companies letter to the Chief and Councell of Bengall. Your exact complyance as far as you possibly can to which we earnestly recommend to you, desireing and ordering to make it your rule (as we shall here allow) for your proceedings both in y^e latter investments of this yeare, and those with you to make your investments there, we expect suddenly from you it being ordered by the Chief, &c., ere he dyed.

We desire your opinions per the next of y^e manner how best to procure this King's phirmaund &c., therein requisite, alsoe what you can do with this new Prince, hees now expected as soone as the rains are over in Bengall, how true know not but desire to be informed.

The latter end of this month or beginning of next Matt^s. Vincent intends, God willing to proceed for Hugly, whence shall further advise what needful In the interin remain

You very Reall friends,

MATT^S VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
RICHARD EDWARDS.

Cassumbazar, 15th August 1677.

MR. EDWARD READE.

RESPECTED FRIEND, &c.,

You will some daies since have heard y^e unexpected news of the death of Mr. Clavell at Ballasore.'

What orders in our master's business you have already received from the Chief, &c., Councell we confirme and recommend to your complyance; the goods the Hon'ble Company requires to be provided in Hugly and Ballasore are *viz.*, coloured Ginghams 10,000 ps, Sannaes if to be bartered with broadcloth bought 50 per cent. cheaper then formerly, 8,000 ps. otherwise, none Silke

Romaulls, 12,000 ps. nillees, 10,000 ps. Pegu sticklack, or in default of that the blackest and the best lack procureable 50 tons. We desire you to send us a calculation as neer as you can what these goods will amount to at a ready money rate, and what sort of goods will goe off (we meane not put off), as alsoe to what amount in the buying of all or any of these goods above mentioned how to proportion our stock we cannot know till the rest of y^e^ ships arrive. Mr. Vincent hopes to be in Hugly by the latter end of this month or beginning of next at farthest, God willing. We call not else to mind save that we remain,

You very reall friends,
MATT^s^ VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
RICHARD EDWARDS.

P.S.—After y^e^ writeing of the foregoing came yours of y^e^ 11th currant. Those Romaulls you have given money out on, as alsoe what formerly enordered as you write by y^e^ late Chief, &c., to give out money for them, all, we order you to deteyne five chests of treasure that shall, God willing, come upon the arrivall. Pray advise us whither y^e^ 10,000 ps. of Romauls ordered by our masters last yeare were understood to be the whole ps, of 30 Romauls, you need not give to the full amo^t^. as agreed on but detaine a part in case of abatement as usuall at receiving in

You very really friends,
MATT^s^ VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
RICHARD EDWARDS.

Cassumbazar, 15th August 1677.

Mr. SAMUELL HERVY, &c.,

Esteemed friends,

Yesterday we received generall advices from Ballasore with the starting news of the death of Mr. Walter Clavell, who died y^e^ 3rd currant of a violent feaver. God in his mercy prepare us for our change.

What orders in y^e^ Hon'^ble^ Companies business you have already received from y^e^ Chief and Councell we confirme desireing you vigorously to proceed in complyance therewith, and that you may know what you have to add to what goods by this yeare already provided as alsoe to goe in hand with for the next yeare we have with these sent coppy of our Hon'^ble^ master's letter to y^e^ Chief, &c., of Bengall, and desire and order your complyance therewith, as alsoe that you send them per the next a calculate of what you can provide of those goods for this year's shipping (not questioning but the whole quantity with what you already have may be timely got in) and their amount, that soe we may proportion our stock accordingly, what quick stock we send will be in specie, as it comes out, which shall recommend you to sell or coyne, as you shall find, all things considered, the most advantagious for our masters.

The business of y^e^ stop at Rajamaul as alsoe y^e^ demand of custome at y^e^ mint we recommend to your care. What you have done or can doe in y^e^ affront given by M. Zoudy, Governour at Hugly, we desire you to write us whither anything to y^e^ purpose may be effected, and at what rate and in what time y^e^ answer to those we desire may come in duplicates and directly hither, the other to Hugly (whither Mr. Matt^s^. Vincent intends, God willing, to proceed y^e^ latter end of this month or the beginning of y^e^ next), that soe when we meet there, we may first consult about this matter and come to what conclusion we shall on all circumstances find best, in which alsoe we desire your opinion. We call not else to mind at present save that we are

Your very loveing friends,
MATT^{s} VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
RICHARD EDWARDS.

Cassumbazar, 17th August 1677.

MR. EDWARD READE.

RESPECTED FRIEND, &c.,

We wrote to you yesterday to which we refer you, but we then forgot to give you order to continue y^{e} sloopes goeing and comeing between Ballasore and Hugly to bring up our master's treasure and goods that so we may on your advice what is arrived dispose part of it to y^{e} inland factories; and whereas we give you order to detain five chests of treasure out of the *Arrivall,* we find that we were mistaken and that three chests will be enough. They qt. from 800*l.* to 1,000*l.* each. We shall advise to Ballasore that they take care to dispatch y^{e} sloops up to you with their ladeing of goods and treasure. We call not else to mind at present remaine

Your reall friends,
MATT^{s} VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
RICHARD EDWARDS.

Cassumbazar, 18th August 1677.

MR. EDWARD READE, &c.

RESPECTED FRIENDS, &c.,

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 15th and 17th currant to which desire you to be referred; this day came yours of y^{e} 13th to our hands, together with the coppies of the several generall letters by you sent to Ballasore and Dacca. As to y^{e} business depending in Dacca we have three daies since written thither to know what may be done, and for how much in each of them, that soe at any meeting in Hugly we may consult how to proceed according to the late order received from y^{e} Worp^{ll}. Agent and Councell at Fort St. George. Y^{e} answer to which our letter hope will in good time meet us at Hugly. If it comes sooner pray keep it there we having ordered them to write one duplicate this way alsoe.

To Ballasore find you have written for order to sell vermillion (?) and quicksilver, and to buy a parcell of three boyled saltpetre, but in respect of the low price of the one, and y^{e} great rate of y^{e} other, we desire you suspend both till Mr. Matt^{s}. Vincent's arrivall with you in Hugly.

Wee accompanying these send you the invoices of treasure and goods came on y^{e} *Bengall Merchant*, and desire and order you to draw out Invoices of what of these goods are or shall by you sent hither or to any other of the inland factories according to order received; and that you send them to y^{e} respective places with letters of advice accordingly. Having not else at present to add remaine

Your very loveing friends,
MATT^{s} VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
RICHARD EDWARDS.

Cassumbazar, 18th August 1677.

MR. JOHN MARSHALL &c.

MUCH ESTEEMED FRIENDS, &C.,

We have received yours of y^{e} 4th and 6th currant with y^{e} most unwelcome news of y^{e} death of Mr. Clavell. God in his great mercy prepare us all for his change. We hope the last yeare's generall bookes were perfected and all differences reconciled, or directions for its drawing up, the which will be of good consequence for keeping all things in a desired method. We desire you therefore to send all books of acco^{ts}, registers, and all generall papers belonging to y^{e} Chiefship of Bengall up to Mr. Edward Reade, &c., at Hugly sending them well put up in a dooly by land and as many peons as you shall judge requisite, and that what light you can give into said accompts, that you advice Mr. Reade thereof. That if all things be not perfected he may proceed to finish and shut them up to y^{e} time enordered. The several papers you mention we have received and find that you have ordered to be sent ashoare eight chests of treasure for your factory. Three of those chests, Nos. 65, 66, 72 we desire you to send up to Hugly with the rest of y^{e} treasure on y^{e} first sloop, in such a proportion in each as is usuall to loade aboard them, and take ashoare at Ballasore chest No. A, w^{ch} is part silver, part gold, which latter we order you to dispose of there in or for the investments enordered by our masters. Gold here is worth but 13r. 10a. per mohur, and it is not like to rise, the Prince, who paies his soldiers all in gold, being as all people here report, coming to Bengall as soon as y^{e} rains are over; therefore by all meanes dispose of this gold there whereby the dammage likely to occur to our Hon^{ble} employers will be avoyded. Coppy of Hon^{ble} Companies letter to Bengall we have sent you whereby you will see what to be provided in Ballassore which we excharge unto you, and order you to send a calculate of what you shall want for compleating said investment. We have already taken care for y^{e} paying for y^{e} 5,000 Romauls (each peece 10 covets 30 Romauls at Hugly the remainder you may provide there). If Stephen Gwilliam be in a condition to travaill pray send him upon the first sloope recommending him to Mr. Reade to forward him hither, as soon as he comes Mr. Edwards may come downe and not sooner, for Mr. Knipe is still detained at the mint as lately advised. We advise your factory bookes are not finished to y^{e} end of April y^{e} enordered time of their being ballanced, and doe desire Mr. Marshall to doe it himselfe, and begin and bring on the new ones since Mr. Edwards cannot suddenly be there. You have done very well to advise to y$_{e}$ ffort of Mr. Clavell's decease. Our masters, you will perceive, have enordered 50 tunns of Pegu stick lack which, if you can procure (or what of it you can) pray buy the rest, let be supplyed with the best and blackest lack you can gett, and let it be bagged according to their orders.

The treble refined petre will also be acceptable if not ordered, which we recommend unto you being uncertain whither Mr. Charnock may be able this yeare to procure the quantity of fine petre required.

Wee desire Mr. Edmund Bugden's spedy repaire to Hugly and you may send your bookes and papers aforementioned along with him by land. Mr. Vincent intending, God willing, to be in Hugly by the end of this or y^{e} beginning of next month, we leave it to you as you shall judge most convenient to send these bookes and papers either by the way of Kindoa or all the way by land. If you send them by Kindoa we will write to Mr. Reade that he send a good boate thither to carry Mr. Bugden and them up. We recommend to you in all your contracts to put off goods as well as money provided you buy the goods noe dearer then if for ready money. The Hon^{ble} Companies sloopes as they arrive from Hugly with you, dispatch again thither with all convenient speed and with a suitable ladeing of treasure and goods. We call not else to mind at present remaine.

Your assured loving friends,

MATT^{s} VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
RICHARD EDWARDS.

P.S.—Sultaun Auzzem being expected in Bengall, and being one who is much taken with rarities, we desire you to search what you can of any ingenious devices on board these ships to present him withall in case he comes. Triangular glasses secure some and anything else you know to be taken with y^e better sort of these Moores.

Your assured loving friends,
MATT^S VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
RICHARD EDWARDS.

Cassumbazar, 20th August 1677.

MR. JOHN MARSHALL, &c.

MUCH ESTEEMED FRIEND, &c.,

Our last to you was dated y^e 18th currant, to which we refer you. Yesterday came to our hands your of y^e 9th present chiefly importing y^e coynage of treasure at Cateck, and y^t Boremull has promised that he will forward it soe that we shall not meet with such delayes as to our master's great dammage this yeare hath hapned in y^e mint at Rajamaul.

We are very sensible of Boremulls' good inclinations to our nation as having some of us knowne him many yeare's, but in considering the great distance of Cateck, the wildness of y^e country in y^e way thither, as alsoe unsetledness in y^e service now committed to him, y^e Prince being at Bolchund and all people hereabouts say ordered to Bengall and expected after the raines at Rajamaul, on all which we know not well how to order the mintage of anything there though doe not absolutely forbid it, but rather order you to be very cautious how to proceed in it, and we had rather you sold it to some able shroffe though you let him coyne Cateck in our name.

Wee hope you will at arrivall of this have ordered chest No. A to be taken ashoare, and by selling of y^e gold to some shroffe, and letting it be sent and coyned in our name at Cateck, you will be able to prevent great part of the dammage otherwise likely to come by its being sent to Bengall, where that species is soe exceedingly fallen in price. For all other things we refer you as above mentioned to our last generall letter hence, and rest

Your very loving friends,
MATT^S VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
RICHARD EDWARDS.

Cassumbazar, 25th August 1677.

MR. SAMUEL HERVY, &c.,

ESTEEMED FRIENDS,

Our last to you was dated y^e 15th currant since which by way of Hugly we have received your of y^e 2nd and 8th currant, the former brought your diary for the last month. M. Zendy still keeps the Englishmen as alsoe our goods, seldome, as Mr. Reade writes, appearing, The invoice of cloth and lace shall be sent you as soon as y^e Genll bookes and papers arrive at Hugly whether they are ordered in company with Mr. Bugden from Ballasore. In y^e meantime you may leave them in blanck, and make up your bookes to y^e end of Aprill and send them to Hugly.

The Taucksaul affairs we hope you will bring at length to a good issue. In the meantime what treasure we can sell shall be so disposed off, which we alsoe recommend to you for what you shall receive.

Wee are sorry y^{e} affaire of Mellick Zendy goes on so ruggedly. You must doe what you can to prevent Mosely and Norton's comeing to Decca, and we hope Roynundelol (to whome if you see fit you may contrive a letter from Mr. Vincent with what contents you think best) may be brought to be of another mind, then by yours of the 8th currant he seemed to be. Mr. Reade writes, that there is noe hopes of M. Zendies delivering y^{e} two men unless we comply with him or more forceable orders come from the Nabob for it. What you shall on all circumstances find we had best doe, pray advise to Hugly from time to time; if on Mellick Zendies deniall (as he has done, will. questionless persist in it) 8 to deliver our men, you find it may availe to make an aurzdass to y^{e} Nabob, you may draw up one the best you can in Mr. Vincent's name, and deliver it to y^{e} Ray or Nabob w^{ch} you judge most convenient.

When you know all ye contents of Mosley's papers pray advise with all necessary remarks thereon as alsoe on all other business recommending to you as occasion offers, when you shall not want answers and orders as far as in our power to give you how to proceed.

Pray send your letters to Hugly and advise what sorts and quantities of cloth of y^{e} enordered investment which you will perceive by y^{e} Hon^{ble} Companies letter to Bengall lately sent you, you have given out money on and what remains to be done and what summe it may amount unto, Calling not else to mind remaine

Your loving friends,

MATT^{s} VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
RICHARD EDWARDS.

Cossumbazar, 25th August 1677.

MR. EDWARD READE, &c.

LOVEING FRIENDS,

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 18th to which refer you. We have since received yours of the 18th and 20th currant and hope you have dispatched y^{e} treasure, &c., as enordered by Mr. Clavell and Councell. The enclosed from Decca came also safe and we have written y^{urs} this day.

The bookes and generall papers are ordered in Mr. Bugden's charge from Ballasore to Hugly. When they arrive, which hope will be suddenly, pray be drawing out what invoices you shall know are wanting in all factories that we may send them away. When you write next to Ballasore pray write for two beames and scales, y^{e} one for Pattana the other for Dacca factory.

Pray fail not to doe what you can to get those Englishmen into your possession, but there must be noe agreement made with M. Zendy till we meet, and have such necessary advices from Decca as hence we have written for.

Your calculate and acco^{t}. of goods now arrived on y^{e} *Ganges* and the *Arrivall* we have received, and are glad at last those vessels are got safe and so nigh Hugly; you have done very well in sending boates and John Threder downe to fetch up the treasure, &c. since the sloopes can come up noe further; the Romaulls the Hon^{ble} Companies orders are questionless y^{e} same sort now as last yeare. We call not else to mind, remaine,

Your loveing friends,

MATT^{s} VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
RICHARD EDWARDS.

Cossumbazar, 25th August 1677.

MR. GEORGE KNIPE.

LOVEING FRIEND,

Wee have received yours of y^e 21st currant, and hope according to your advices the Droga of y^e Mint is arrived ere this. We are glad your worke within doores is soe nigh a conclusion; pray make an end as soon as possible that you may come and take the warehouse here, that Mr. Edwards may repaire to his charge at Ballasore, where Mr. Gwilliam is dead.

Nabob Bamunijar's sonn will not, as I heare, trouble Rajamaul in hast, if he does you may goe and see him and carry him goldmohurs and rups. as is customary to ꝑ sons of his quallity. Wee call not else to mind, save that we are

Your loveing friends,

MATT^s VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
RICHARD EDWARDS.

Cossumbazar, 25th August 1677.

MR. JOB CHARNOCK, &c.

LOVEING FRIENDS,

Our last to you was y^e 15th instant which we confirme. Since is come to hand yours of the 13th instant, whereby we perceive you are like to undergoe some trouble in getting the petre boates cleared; the Duan soe absolutely denying a dustick till hath received custome; we are at a loss to give any particular directions herein, but doe leave it wholly to you to act according to y^e best of your judgement, and as the nature of y^e affaire shall require, earnestly recommending and enordering you to use your utmost endeavours and dilligence to gett them cleared, it being a worke absolutely necessary and to be effected, though with some cost, but custome is by all meanes possible to be avoyded.

The neshawn[*] of Sultan Shujah's we note you have received and alsoe onely Bengall and Orixa may be named, yet it was always estemed to comprehend his whole Government (of which the Subaship of Birerra was a part), and did soe pass in those daies; if you think any inconveniences may arrive thereby you may forbear Shewing it, but having obtained the clearing those boates, you will doe well as occasion offers to proceed in procuring this Prince's neshawne for our trade under his government, which may be of great use to us.[†]

Wee greatly differ from you in your opinion about custome, for though the Hon^{ble} Company be at a great charge in presents, &c., in carrying on their trade in those parts yet, if rightly examined, it will be found far shorter of what y^e custome inwards and outwards, if paid, amount to; and besides then we should pay custome, yet we should not be able to cleare ourselves from y^e same charges in presents, &c. that hitherto we have been, a instance many of our neighbours, whose trouble and presents are as great at all times as ours, which makes the priviledge we hitherto have had (and hope may yet be continued to us) to be of the high esteeme with us.

You will shortly be supplyed with a beame and other necessaries for your factory. Your bookes must be made up to y^e 30th of Aprill, observing those directions given by Mr. Master, &c., Councell; coppy of y^e Honourable Companies letter to Bengall hath been sent you, the other when we are at more leisure to have them transcribed you shall receive.

The Hon^{ble} Company never received your bookes & letters beginning September 1673 and September 1674: therefore let them be transcribed and sent us that they may be transcribed home this yeare. Your this yeare's bookes let them be sent as soon as they can that soe our complaint may not stay for them;

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[*] The Royal sign in a grant. Here evidently used for the grant itself.

[†] Tis here wholly reported that he will after y^e rains come down into Bengall of which if any certainty let us be advised.

We shall expect your diary in tribble coppies to y^{e} end of November, as alsoe your acco^{t} of cash at that time, &c., Europe goods by you then. You will see by the Hon^{ble} Companies generall that they doe enorder a greater quantity of petre then formerly, therefore doe recommend and enorder you to provide what more you can to be at Hugly at y^{e} end of December or sooner.

Wee again earnestly recommend the clearing of y^{e} petre boates to your care and prudence. Wee remaine

Your assured loveing friends,
MATT^{s} VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
RICHARD EDWARDS.

Cossumbazar, 25th August 1677.

MR. EDWARD READE.

ESTEEMED FRIEND,

Wee omitted, through forgetfullness, to order in our last that you would take out the silver of y^{e} chest No. A, and to send the gold to Decca in part of their this yeare's stock, it selling better there then in any other place in Bengall. We had ordered to be taken ashoare and sold at Ballasore, but our advices came too late and it cannot now be sent back. We recommend it to your quick dispatch to Decca and remaine,

Your very ready friends,
MATT^{s} VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
RICHARD EDWARDS.

Cossumbazar, 27th August 1677.

MR. SAMUEL HERVY, &c.,

ESTEEMED FRIENDS,

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 25th currant, since which, contrary to our expectations, is arrived Chest No. A qt. gold, which we have in an *oolauck*, accompanied with one house and two hired peons sent you; it containes and amo^{ts} as of invoice inclosed to Rups. 28,549-7 as., which recommend to your disposeall and investment according to our master's orders. What more will be coming to your factory shall, on going to Hugly and arrivall of the other ships, be sent you. This gold we send to you well knowing it beares the best price in Decca of any place in Bengall, and calling not else to mind we rest,

Your very ready friends,
MATT^{s} VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
RICHARD EDWARDS.

Cossumbazar, 29th August 1677.

MR. JOB CHARNOCK.

RESPECTED FRIEND, &c.,

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 25th currant on two boates in charge of Thomas Bromly and four peons; we have sent you four chests of bullion amo^{t} as ꝑ invoice inclosed to Rups. 30,111-5-6, alsoe there comes four bales of broadcloth, the which we have not received any invoice of from Alow (?) to this day, but as soon as Mr. Vincent goes down one shall be sent you; in y^e^ meantime you may endeavour to dispose of it, as alsoe to coyne or sell y^e^ above mentioned treasure, which you shall find most to our master's advantage and to pay off what at interest, and goe in hand to supply what wanting of y^e^ enordered quantity of saltpetre, all which things we recommend to your observance according to our Hon^ble^ employer's orders, and what others given thereupon. We call not else to mind at present, save that we are

Your very ready friends,

MATT^s^. VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

RICHARD EDWARDS.

The boates we have hired by the month, and therefore desire you to dispose them as soon as possible, and if you have occations you may keep Thomas Bromley there, and send George Peacock on these boates; the boates are in pay till they arrive hither againe. There comes on those boates one chest of our master's wine No. 3: y^e^ bottles and chest are to be disposed off and brought to an acco^t^.

Thomas Bromley hath received 20 rups. for way charges, which he is to give you an acco^t^. off; 'tis included in the 111 rups.

Your very ready friends,

MATT^s^. VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

RICHARD EDWARDS.

Cossumbazar, 29th August 1677.

MR. GEORGE KNIPE.

Wee hope ere this a new Droga of y^e^ mint is arrived, and that our master's business there will at last suddenly draw to a conclusion, which we should be glad to heare.

On these boates in charge of Thomas Bromely we have sent severalls to Pattana of worth and import, was to expedit their dispatch from Rajamaull. May goe for presents to the Shazadda at Pattana, by which means we conceive you may get a dustick for their passage thence. Pray endeavour that they may not ly long embarqued there. We remaine

Your loveing friends,

MATT^s^. VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

RICHARD EDWARDS.

Cossumbazar, 29th August 1677.

MR. THOMAS BROMLEY.

In your charge and four peons we have sent two boates w^th^ severalls of worth and import to Pattana, as advised Mr. Job Charnock, &c., there in a generall letter thither now delivered you. We order you to keep the two boates together, and to be very careful in y^e^ voyage up, and on noe acc^t^. to go in the night, nor when you see tempestuous weather, neither letting the boatmen loyter in yᵉ way, nor hurrying them on too fast, but making that convenient hast which may be best and safest for yᵉ well accomplishing this intended voyage. We are

Your loveing friends,

MATTˢ. VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

RICHARD EDWARDS.

Hugly, 12th September 1677.

MR. EDMUND BUGDEN, &c.

ESTEEMED FRIENDS,

Wee have recᵈ. yours of yᵉ 1st currant with yᵉ much to be lamented news of yᵉ death of Mr. John Marshall, &c. The Lord in his great mercy put a stop to this rageing distemper and restore your healths.

In ours of yᵉ 18th and 20th last month directed to Mr. John Marshall, &c., wee gave full orders for management of our Master's affaires in Ballasore, to which we still refer you onely ordering Mr. Edmd. Bugden to continue at Ballasore and to take upon him yᵉ management of our Hon'ᵇˡᵉ Master's affairs in that place till further orders, and we recommend to him, &c., to send away hither all generall papers belonging to yᵉ cheifship of Bengall if not already done as then enordered, alsoe that you give us what light you can into the generall accoᵗˢ that if it be not already done they may the sooner be brought into a method here. Your factory bookes pray make up to the end of Aprill, send up as soon as possible, forget not to keep a diary, and to act by consultation according to our Master's order and the rules left by yᵉ Worpˡˡ. Streynsham Master. Romaulls we have provided here pieces 5,500, the rest pray endeavour to procure there at as easy rates as you can, and pray by yᵉ first send us a calculate of what of those goods required by our Masters usually bought about Ballasore, you shall be able to procure for those ships with their amount. Sannoes not to be medled with unless for goods and 50 per cent. cheaper then formerly. Pray observe well what now and in the aforesaid letters of the 18th and 20th last month we have written you, whose coppies have inclosed sent you least they should be mislaid amongst Mr. Marshall's papers.

You will find in our Master's letter to Bengall an order to enquire into the truth of yᵉ dammage placed to their accompt by Mr. Clavell on yᵉ fire that burned downe their factory in Ballasore in yᵉ yeare 1674, they having been pleased to express their satisfaction in yᵉ greatness of their loss and the manner of its being brought to accoᵗ, wherefore we order you to prepare that business for examination by getting what writings and other lights thereunto you can, that so the reall truth may be discovered, and advises given our Masters accordingly there.

Wee enorder and recommend unto you earnestly and that you having time (which we shall want conveying downe) you doe not them superficially but throughly see it may be to satisfaction. In all other things refer you to our Master's letter aforesaid, and what advices received from yᵉ Worpˡˡ. Agent and Councell whose coppies you have there, alsoe to our letters above mentioned We remaine

Your very reall friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD READE.

P.S.—Wee desire and order you to receive the fraught of all such that have laden any goods from yᵉ coast to Ballasore upon the Europe ships, and to keep exact accoᵗ thereof for our Masters.

Your very reall friends,

MATTˢ. VINCENT.

EDWARD READE.

Hugly, 13th September 1677.

MR. GEORGE HERROW,

Wee are glad to understand you are safely arrived into Hugly river and have ordered boates to take out y^{e} treasure and for ladeing that and what other goods you have on board. You are to follow Mr. Edward Reade's orders, and if you have not a good oportunity of winds and tydes to come up then bring your vessell to an anchor in a good birth out of the streame's way till unladen. Wee remaine

Your loveing friends,

MATT^{s}. VINCENT.

EDWARD READE.

Hugly, 18th September 1677.

MR. EDMUND BUGDEN, &c.

ESTEEMED FRIENDS,

Our last to you was the 12th currant, when we referred you to directions for proceeding in our Master's affaires sent you y^{e} 18th and 20th past month, and least those letters should not readily be found because of Mr. Marshall's dicease, we sent you coppies of them to which refer you not doubting of your best endeavours to act accordingly. You have alsoe a coppy of our Master's letter to us for your being the fuller acquainted with their orders, which as to y^{e} goods to be bought with you we particularize as followeth, earnestly recommending it to your care to provide them timely and well made and sorted hopeing you have sometime since entered upon the same, *viz.* :—

Coloured Ginghams	10,000 pieces.
Romaulls, Silk	6,500 do.
Nillees	10,000 do.
Hummums	2,000 do.
Pegu Stick Lac or other goods Black Lack if the Pegu is not to be had	tons 100.

You are to buy noe Sannoes unless you can barter for broadcloth at 50 per cent. cheaper then formerly.

Wee have received your severall letters of y^{e} 4th, 5th, and 6th currant, the former advising us of the new *London's* arrival which we were glad to understand. You mention a coppy of an attestacon of what cash was found in Mr. John Marshall's chest, but none came we suppose through hast it was forgott to be inclosed, pray send it by next.

The sloop *Arrivall* hath brought us ten chests of treasure from the *Czar*, and we wish you had ordered some quantityes of all other goods on board her as we hope you have upon the *Ganges* by whome if you have not sent the ten chests of treasure which came upon y^{e} new *London*, we now order you to send it upon y^{e} *Arrivall*, which in few daies (as soone as we can fit her with some necessaries) shall be returning unto you, and after you have sent what you can of our Master goods hither by her, we order you to take all that remains out of each ship on shoare at Ballasore and house it well in y^{e} factory, because we shall not be able to make another turne with the sloopes till about the time we expect the moonsoone to change w^{ch} will not be safe. Wee hope you have sent away the Acco^{ts} and Registers, &c. without which we have far to looke in many matters that relates to our Master's business, and besides the yeare will be so far spent, that we shall not be able to make up the generall bookes: wherefore we desire, if it be not done already, that you hasten them to us that we may alsoe see what quick stock was resting at Mr. Clayell's decease, and if there be not sufficient with the three chests of treasure allready ordered, we may take timely care to supply you Wee remaine

Your loveing friends,
MATT^{S}. VINCENT.
EDWARD READE.

Hugly, 19th September 1677.

MR. SAMUELL HERVY, &c.,

RESPECTED FRIENDS,

Wee have received yours of y^{e} 24th and 29th ultimo, and alsoe of the 7th currant to which having already written you fully shall answer briefly Firstly. What of those serts of cloth ordered by our Masters in their generall, arrived by these ships, you can procure for ready money, pray neglect not to buy as reasonable as you can for money, you are and shall be furnished as your occations shall require. Y^{e} Taucksaul if can sell our treasure shall have little occation to make use off as we hope. However if for a moderate expence can gett cleare of its custome pray doe, the which we recommend to your prudentiall manage. We have sent for the bookes of Acco^{ts}, registers, &c., from Ballasore. As soon as they arrive and we can put them into a due method, shall send you the invoice you mention; in the interim leave in a blanck and ballance your acco^{ts} to y^{e} end of Aprill last and them 28th f^{m} y^{e} first.

Wee are sorry you shall be able to supply us with noe more then 4,000 pieces of cloth of all sorts, our masters requiring pieces 13,000 of Cassaes and Mullmulls. Pray advise us what quantities of these you hope to send will be Cassaes and what Mullmulls; for your succeeding year's stock we shall allot you your proportion of money and goods in due time.

The phirwanna for cleareing our petre boates at Rajamaul will be very expedient, though hitherto the Prince's Duan at Pattana will not suffer any dusticks to send them thence till pay custome being exasperated by y^{e} Dutch complaineing (as they did to the Nabob against Roynundolal) to y^{e} Prince y^{t} he stopped their boates.

Our goods on acc^{t} custome we have received and hope y^{e} Englishmen will follow, Mellick Zendy being afraid to send them to Decca, they having openly declared by meanes used here that they will complain against him there, that he tooke them out of y^{e} English factory by force, and by force detained them. The Cassaes, &ca., from your parts we shall chest here below since you shall not be soe well able to doe it there.

The wax figures W. F. we have received.

Wee are glad that the chest of gold is safe arrived. What difference in the invoice you must advise to Cossumbazar, it being charged hence thither and thence to Decca. We looke on Ludhooram's talke and costomes, and he being poore when to impossibility, but wee conceive shall suddenly have a new crowry or buxbundur.

Wee understand that one Richard Wilson and James Warden are at Decca with you, and that they have this yeare brought a ship to Chitagaune, where they have, contrary to our Master's priviledges, paid custome, &c., for which reason, as alsoe theire having come complaints from the coast that this same Wilson hath run away with y^{e} estate of some of y^{e} Hon^{ble} Companies servants on y^{e} coast who are indebted to y^{d} Company and chiefly (as they have said before good witnesses) occasioned by the said Wilson's running away with their money. We are further informed that the said Wilson and Warden hath openly declared that as soon as they can get to sea they will seize on any Moores vessell or junck they shall first meet withall to make themselves amends for what wrongs they pretend they have received from y^{e} Moores at Chitagaune the which if they should doe, and it should be complained off at Decca, you very well know what bad consequence it may prove to our Master's affairs too much already embroyled in these parts, on all which premises we order you if you find it feasable to send the said Wilson or Warden (or which of them you can) well secured downe unto us that we may returne him to y^e Worp^{ll}. Agent and Councell at Madrass to answer for all his misdemeanours, and to make what satisfaction he can to his creditors. If y^e vessell could be sent into y^e Roade too it would be very well. We call not else to mind soe rest.

Your loveing friends,

MATT^S. VINCENT.
EDWARD READE.

Hugly, 24th September 1677.

MR. JOB CHARNOCK, &CA.

RESPECTED FRIENDS, &CA.,

Our last to you was dated y^e 29th last month, when sent in charge by Thomas Bromley four chests of bullion for account our Honble Master's, amount as invoice then sent unto Rups. 30,111-5½, which we hope long since is safe arrived with you and disposed of.

Wee have received yours of y^e 20th August to Mr. Reade, &c.; alsoe yours of the 1st and 10th currant. The latter yesterday to all materiall in which shall answer. The boates of lead, &ca., which were stopped at Baugulpore we understand are cleared, that scarlet and broadcloth sent you up is as well conditioned it seemes as was then Here in y^e warehouse, as soon as the generall papers arrive from Ballasore which hath been much retarded and though ordered severall times (to be sent thence) by the death of Mr. Marshall and Henry Carpenter, and the sickness of Mr. Bugden we shall send you, as well as to other factories, what invoices they as well as you have not yett received.

As we advised you from Cossumbazar, we are of opinion that if our Masters are in cash sufficient in any of their factories, that it is more advisable, and for their advantage that money be remitted where wanted then that it should be taken up at interest. But if Pattana and the other factories both want money we judge it reasonable y^t money if to be had should rather be taken up at interest in y^e place where it must be invested then in any other factory to be sent thither, the charge being the same to our Masters whether they pay interest in Pattana or any other place when y^e interest is at the same rate as in the present case it is. You have found that the Honble Company's Generall to Bengall went as we advised you in ours of y^e 15th August, which we recommend againe as then unto your observance. For your stock we shall take care that you be timely supplied with it to y^e amount you mention.

Wee are of opinion with you that it will then be y^e fittest time to stir about getting the King's phirmaund, when heare, what Shausteh Caun's Auzdars has or can doe for us. In the meantime it will ly on you to be putting things in a posture in referrence to sending and going aloft about it, though y^e manner of it as you may perceive is referred to your experience and prudence. We are sorry to heare of soe bad a character of the Prince. We hope if he stayes that when his Government comes to be settled that he will prove a better Governour then now he gives hopes off. Sha Shujah was bad enough when he came first to Bengall but grew better as his coffers filled. Paper as soone as comes up shall send your proportion off having writ for it up.

Wee are very much troubled to find by yours of the 10th September that the Pattana Duan hath given you a positive answer as well as to y^e Dutch that without paying of custome our Master's petre boates should not stir from Pattana. We cannot find that we have any power without order from y^e Worp^{ll}. Agent, &c., to give you any possitive order in it, conceiving as you writely observe for yourselfe that if we should say pay not custome that we should be extreamly blamed in case y^e petre cannot come downe without it which will be an exceeding loss to our Masters. All that we can say, since you have not written your owne opinion in this case, is y^t we judge it may not be safe to pay custome without possitive orders from our superiors soe to doe, but we conceive that if the full amount of the custome or more were privately offered to the Duan there that he would not refuse it, but be very glad to cleare our boates to get soe much money cleared to himselfe, or in case it should be soe that he will not take a bribe (which is rare) yet this Prince himself we think would not much stand upon it whither he received from us y^{e} amount of the custome in another name. We recommend this affaire wholly unto you being very ready to consent to what you shall find most reasonable to doe therein. We would have written to Madras about this affaire but ere an answer could arrive the petre must come too late thence for y^{e} business of this moonsoone soe that you see how much it imports you to worke through it, and we hope a round bribe may doe what we desire with y^{e} Duan at last.

The bookes 167$\frac{3}{4}$ hope suddenly to arrive from you, as alsoe your this yeare's bookes of acco^{ts}, &c. as formerly desired. Mr. Master's pattern shall send as soon as have leisure from business, and sickness at Ballasore, where it hath pleased God to take away Mr. Marshall, Mr. Carpenter, and Abraham Rutton as aforesaid, and the rest according to y^{e} last advices thence sick, which we feare will alsoe prove a great hindrance to our Master's business in that factory.

We shall not dispute whither treasure fetch better at Cossumbazar or Pattana, but can say this what y^{e} merchants buy at y^{e} former place they generally send away to the latter which we imagine they would not doe to their loss Calling not else to mind at present, we remain

Your very ready friends,

MATT^{S}. VINCENT,

EDWARD READE.

P.S.—Edward Reade advising he hath in Mr. Charnock's hands rupees 2,500, we permitt you to bring it into our Master's cash, and we shall pay the same here and you are to creditt this factory for the same.

Your very ready friends,

MATT^{S}. VINCENT.

EDWARD READE.

Hugly, 24th September 1677.

MR. GEORGE HERRON.

We having for a few daies since deferred the dispatch of the sloope *Arrivall* to Ballasore Roade by reasen of your sickness, and you being now againe, God willing, able to proceed on that voyage, we order you upon receipt hereof to goe aboate the said sloope and use your best endeavours for y^{e} spediest getting into Ballasore Roade as neer the English ships as conveniently you can, and when pleases God you arrive thither you are to send our letters to Mr. Edmd. Bugden, whose orders you are to follow for your ladeing and returne hither the time of y^{e} yeare drawing on in which we may expect some more then ordinary blowing weather. You are therefore to take speciall heed to the season, of the moone, or either goe out or stay within y^{e} river as you find good cause.

The sloope *Arrivall* wanting a good mast we order you to try if either of the commanders of y^{e} English ships can spare one of their top masts that may be fitting for that use, and to bring it up with you and we shall take care to content the owner for y^{e} same. We wish you a good voyage and remaine

Your loveing friends,

MATT^{S}. VINCENT.

EDWARD READE.

Hugly, 25th September 1677.

MR. EDMUND BUGDEN.

The master of the sloope *Arrivall* being taken with an ague and feavour we could not give soe quick a dispatch to that sloope as we intended but now she is proceeding towards you, and we desire and order you to lode on board her the treasure remaining on board the *London* with a convenient ladeing of some of all sorts of our Honble Master's goods, but we would have you consult with George Herron ye Master about ye condition of the vessel, and have respect unto the weather and season of ye yeare and accordingly lade and give her a dispatch as quick as possible.

Wee wonder we have noe news of ye *Ganges* she being mett by the *Arrivall* when she last came up outward bound and since that you mention nothing of her. We wish she may be in safety. Wee have received yours of ye 15th currant, and shall answer it by land, in ye interim wishing you, &c., much health, remaine

Your very loveing friends,

MATTS. VINCENT.
EDWARD READE.

Hugly, 25th September 1677.

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON, &CA.

ESTEEMED FRIENDS,

Wee have some daies since received yours of ye 14th currant. We are sorry the quicksilver case No. 3 held out soe short but on examinacon here are given to understand it arrived soe from Ballasore, our friends there through the great sickness and mortality there not causing things to be so well examined, sealed downe, &c., as they were won't, ere sent from on board ye ships for they never came ashore there. The coppy of the Honble Companies letter to Bengal, which we sent to Pattana, did arrive there at last; however you did very well to supply them with another coppy least that should have been lost.

We have sent forwards towards you on two great boats 150 maunds of tin and 150 maunds of copper plates for account our Honble employers amount as per invoice therewith to which refer. Recommending it to you for the spediest sale we desire you to advise what cash and goldmohurs more you expect from ye mint at Rajamaul.

Your silk as soon as packed we desire you to send downe with all convenient expedition, which done, we hope you may be able to acquit Mr. Edwards, which we order you to do by letting him deliver over his charge to Mr. George Knipe if come from ye mint, or any one else you judge most fitting in ye ffactory till Mr. Knipe comes, who is made your warehouse keeper, which done pray send him downe, the mortallity at Ballasore having made him assistant there almost of necessity. The Rajamaul accot when Mr. Knipe returns thence, we having this yeare soe over much business in their factories, pray make up and enter into your factory bookes as usuall. Henceforward we shall charge your factory with noe more then shall concerne it, one investment, ye rest to Rajamaul or wheresoever we shall send it. Calling not else to to mind at present with cordial wishes for your health, wee remaine.

Your assured loveing friends,

MATTS. VINCENT.
EDWARD READE.

Hugly, 28th September 1677.

MR. EDMUND BUGDEN.

ESTEEMED FRIEND,

Yours of the 12th and 18th currant. We have written fully unto you as to all matters relateing to y^{e} managem^{mt} of our Master's affaires in Ballasore to which refer you; y^{e} 28th despatched y^{e} sloope *Arrivall* to you with order how to lade and returne her to us. To this day we have not one word of y^{e} arrival of y^{e} sloope *Ganges* in Ballasore Roade, not having in either of yours of the 12th or 15th currant now received taken any notice of her. We wish she be safe.

We have received several papers and bookes from you that came upon y^{e} dooley and find that both the Hugly and Ballasore bookes of acco^{ts}. are brought up noe further then the prime of January last, at which we admire, and the last bookes you have sent us up is not soe methodicall as desired, wherefore have herewith returned it to you ordering you to draw it out faire and ballance it to the end of every month, and express to whome you delivered the ballance of y^{e} cash at Hugly. The Journall and Ledger which you call Letter A we desire it may be letter T, as y^{e} generall bookes are those we order you to goe in hand perfect to y^{e} end of Aprill last, and send us if you can that we may take them into our bookes which we shall endeavour to perfect here.

Ffor the 7,047 and 1,090 rups. you mention paid by Mr. Bugden to Mr. Marshall since January last, we suppose he did it not without order, and if it was for our Master's acco^{t}. we suppose he kept the cash booke and we question not but if Mr. Marshall received it for same acco^{t}. but that he gave their credit in his cash-booke likewise; when we shall have time to examine and reconcile all acco^{ts} we doubt not but to adjust this and all other differences of this nature.

We have herewith returned the peons, and desire that you keep soe many peons as y^{e} business of that factory requires, and not soe many as were usuall and possibly requisite. When Mr. Clavell was there we allow you eight cahars for y^{e} pallankeen and noe more; if you have occasion for more you may hire them for soe long as is necessary. We recommend to you to be frugall in y^{e} charges what paper, paper bookes, quills, and pencills are come on y^{e} ships detaining what is reall necessary for Ballasore. We admire you have not sent us if they are on board ship and not yett come on the *Ganges*, then pray order all on board the *Arrivall*, and if they be on shoare, and you think you can meet a snatch to send them off, lett them come upon the said vessel, but if you apprehend they will be damaged then keep them and send them up by y^{e} first vessell that shall come from thence to Hugly after the storme we absolutely wanting paper for our business here. We find severall invoices wanting allmost all originall papers, both of them and letters received none of y^{e} letter registered, you having sent but one coppy booke of letters. Pray send up all Mr. Clavell's and Mr. Marshall's papers that we may looke amongst them for Nabob Shausteh Caun's perwanna, coppie of it attested by the Cazzee comes enclosed.

What stick lack you have agreed for we approve off but cannot of the lauck there being noe order to buy any without sticks. We desire if good and you can make up the stick lack 100 tons. Petre is deare. We desire you to remember y^{e} merchants that we buy now all at ready money price and not in truck at raised rates as formerly, though you must have goods in truck but the rate may be made what the goods are really worth ready money, according to which it must and will follow that the rates of goods must not be soe high as formerly, but as we sell our goods for noe more than their value, or what really worth, that the merchants alsoe let us have their goods at a ready money rate.

We hope, though you have omitted to advise us however, have given out money on y^{e} quantities of Ginghams, Nillees, Romaulls, &c., according to the Hon^{ble} Companies orders received. Pray take care that the musters be good cheap and according to our Master's directions. We call not else to mind at present remaine

Your very loveing friends,
MATTs. VINCENT.
EDWARD READE,

Hugly, 3rd October 1677.

THOMAS BROWNE.

We have received your note and bill of ladeing, by which we understand what you have brought from Ballasore. We have now sent three boates with five boyes and ropes, and order you immediately to lade on board them the ten chests of treasure on board, four chests on board the biggest boate and three chests on each of the other boates. The five boyes you have brought from Ballasore and these five we have now sent you pray make fast to each chest on which a convenient length of rope. We order you to stay on board and to make what hast you can with the vessell up. We intending not to send her downe any more till after the storme is broke up. We remain

Your loveing friends,
MATTs. VINCENT.
EDWARD READE,

Hugli, 6th October 1677.

MR. EDMUND BUGDEN, &CA.

LOVING FRIENDS, &ca.,

Our last to you was dated ye 28th ult., since which is come to hand yours of 22nd and 28th ultimo. Mr. Richard Edwards have written for to Cossumbazar, as soon as he arrives hither, he shall without delay be sent to Ballasore.

The dooley of papers have received, but we cannot but think you must find more then those being severall still behindhand which we shall want.

Wee have received ye accots of what goods you propound as to be provided at Ballasore, but we cannot agree to have any Cossas or Mullmulls provided there, being very well acquainted that ye sorts are not those our Masters require and therefore order you not to buy one piece. The Nillees, Ginghams, Romaulls and Hummums, we approve your giving out your money upon; and if the lateness of the yeare be such as that the merchants cannot take above one-third part in goods, though as before advised you must contract as ready money, you may agree accordingly with them, but we would have you observe to detaine soe much of their daudunnee in your hands as may save you the trouble of their bringing in goods short of their musters, of running after them for the remaines, and pray take good musters of goods you give money out for.

We would know what Europe goods of our Masters were lost in the fire at Ballasore in 1674, as well as what ye merchants had bought in accot their contract, the Honble Companies loss consisting of both, we desire all may be onely got ready for examinacon according to our Master's orders against we come done.

Wee have received one box of paper, quills, &c., nor till now heard that you had sent any on the *Arrivall.*

Thomas Browne is come into the river with ye *Ganges.* Ye treasure you sent we have taken on shore, and have sent a boate to tow her up that may goe in hand to repaire her against ye moonsoons breake up, and goods come from inland factories arrive hither.

We cannot helpe it if your merchants clamour that we take not goods contrary to their orders; and that if they will not sell their sannoes 50 feet inches cheaper then usuall, and that in barter for Europe Goods that we cannot buy one piece of sannoes of them this yeare. We know not what you means by the cash found in Mr. John Marshall's chamber. If you meane the Hon^{ble} Companies cash, pray advise whether it agrees with the due ballance of cash to y^{e} time or not that we may take care in case it doth not secure soe much out of Mr. Marshall's estate. We remember not else at present. Remaine.

Your loveing friends,
MATT^{S}. VINCENT.
EDWARD READE.

Hugly, 10th October 1677.

MR. SAMUEL HERVY, &c.

ESTEEMED FRIENDS,

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 19th last month to which refer you. After trying several waies with our cross grained crowry Mellick Zendy, he seems resolved to send Richard Mosely and John Norton to y^{e} Nabob except we will give him a note wherein must acknowledge the justice of his taking them by force out of y^{e} factory here, &c., which we cannot doe if we either respect the Hon^{ble} Companies honour or our own safety, presedents of this nature being soe apt to be followed if over timely put up. The two Englishmen are put up upon a boate and may possibly be sent up as alsoe Mosely's wife. What trouble may follow we know not, but we suppose not much for our men have bin soe unhumanly used that they say they both resolved to complaine of Mr. Zendy, and that they never complained against the English which if they continue in it will be well, and you must endeavour by frequent messages to them and faire promises to cherish them in it, we suppose as aforesaid they will alsoe send up Mosely's wife. We recommend all unto your skillfull management not being able to present it here except on such unsafe terms as above said. As for expence necessary in this affaire we enjoyne you to be as frugall as posssible, and not thereby state the business and loose soe necessary a priviledge of our Masters in this country. As the having power of all English in these parts, we earnestly desire you to bestir yourselves to some purpose in this concerne till you bring it to an issue which we pray God may be prosperous. If Mosely should produce papers of doubt they are of ꝑticular men to Mr. Broughton and not of the Hon^{ble} Companies, we have not else to add save that we are dispeeded y^{e} 16 at night.

Your very loving friends,
MATT^{S}. VINCENT.
EDW^{D}. READE.

Hugly, 16th October 1677.

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON, &c.

ESTEEMED FRIENDS,

Wee have received yours of y^{e} 5th and 6th currant with bales 360 of raw silke and 22 ditto of Maulda. The markes we have not yet compared but question they will come out according to your said advises. We admire the boate of tinn and copper was not arrived with you. We hope your next will advise of Mr. Knipe's having finished all at the mint, and that Mr. Edwards is come hitherwards. We are glad you have received a perwanna from Decca for clearing our petre boates at Rajamaul. We should be very glad to heare they were well so far on their way hither not having heard from Mr. Charnock upward of a month date to this day, which is the only hopes we have of their being likely to be cleared, the invoice of goods above mentioned we expect, and remaine

Your assured loveing friends,
MATT^{S}. VINCENT.
EDWARD READE.

Hugly, 16th October 1677.

MR. SAMUELL HERVY, &CA.,

LOVEING FRIENDS,

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 19th last month, wherein answered your severalls of y^{e} 24th, 29th August and 7th currant, and had done it sooner, but of late your letters arrived not under 18 or 20 daies thence, but hope now the freshes are abated we shall thenceforward receive them in fewer daies. We have received yours of the 20th and 28th last month, the which were the first 17 and the latter 15 daies on y^{e} way hither. We note what you write touching the Emperor's calling Nabob Shausteh came out of Bengall, and with you must awaite y^{e} event though as things seems now to stand with us in these parts suppose. it would be better he continued, till we could bring our Master's business to some certainty, which now is far from us. We hope the king will give a favourable answer to y^{e} Nabob's Auzdars in our behalfes, any alteration be made.

We hope the gold is now disposed off, it being more vendible with you in Decca and beares a better price then in any place in Bengall, which was the reason we sent it thither. The time of y^{e} yeare begins now to be late and therefore it imports you to be getting our Master's cloth ready as soone as possible, that if it may be we may have time to dispatch goods hence ere any order comes from aloft, we much feareing the worst; and if a sloope should come it would be soe late that ere we could possibly worke out a remedy the time for sending goods for England would be elapsed.

Concerning Mosely and Norton we can add noe more then what you will see of the Accompt Generall which we intended according to its date, but have kept to this day by reason they tooke them out of the boate againe and have kept them prisoners ever since. We suppose they will be soe detained till Mellick Cassum arrives, and then tis like some accommodation may be made which we are the rather inclined unto in respect of y^{e} present great uncertainety and unsettledness of things in Bengall. If Mr. Fytch Nedham, as Mr. Vincent wrote him in his ꝑticular of y^{e} 10th currant can come to Hugly soe as to be back again to take charge of Decca factory by the time limited by the late Chief and Councell for Mr. Hervy's stay there, we give him leave to repaire hither, but it cannot be late in November, in that Mr. Hervy is positively ordered to deliver up all to said Mr. Fytch Nedham and to be in November in Ballasore to answer a charge preferred to y^{e} Hon^{ble} Company against him by Mr. Smith, &c.

Your bookes of Acco^{ts} and charges generall have received and shall want two coppies more of them, and your diary must be continued (to goe whome) till the end of November. What you have been forced to leave in blanck in those bookes, pray take care to bring orderly into your next; and as soon as leisure will permit we shall endeavour to fill up and rectify all accompts. Wee call not else to mind at present save that it should please God an order should come from the Emperor that we must pay custome, that in such case you keep soe well with the mutsuddies that you may have soe early notice of it, that if possible you may send us advice of it four or five daies ere the Nabob's perwanna shall arrive hither about it. We remaine

Your very loveing friends,
MATT^{s}. VINCENT.
EDWARD READE.

Hugly, 19th October 1677.

MR. JOB CHARNOCK, &C.

RESPECTED FRIENDS,

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 24th August, to w^{ch} we have onely to add that the confusion at Ballasore is or has been soe great through the sickness and mortallity there that we cannot to this day receive the most pertinent papers of our Master's affaires, soe that we shall not be able to send invoices written for (both by you and other factories) till after the departure of this yeare's shipping, when shall goe in hand to put every thing in a due method.

Yesterday in the afternoone we received yours of y^e 3rd currant and are glad the petre boates at last are cleared, and that you are like to cleare the goods and treasure sent up. The conditions are hard but such as we might expect. In such times of uncertainety as these are, we hope you have taken care to write aloft about this business that we may be understood, and that noe custome was ever paid by us in Pattana but what duties we did pay has been alwaies in Hugly, &c. What you have thought convenient, if you have not yet written we desire you now to doe it and that effectually. Shausteh Caun is called away to come up to Hindoostand by the King, which though we think by meanes of his money he will never doe, yett at present it startles him and unfitts him and his Duan who are taken off with matters of this great moment to attend to any proposition we can make to him, soe that we feare it would be but labour lost to apply ourselves at present to him in this matter, nor are we unapprehensive that we may so soone put him in mind of the favour he did us the last yeare in writing to the King in our behalfe, when our whole business was stopped, from which he hath only reprieved us till y^e answer comes, and that he may, now he is called away, stop all our business againe out of a designe to gett what he can out of us though noe order should come from y^e King, and it is very likely it may not be in these times of great trouble in Hindoostan, besides to apply ourselves for a remedy against the Prince to Shausteh Caun seems not soe likely to produce any good effect except the Prince or his Duan should on result on y^e King's answer write as Waurist Caun did to him, by which time our application will be both necessary and more seasonable for your applications, therefore in the Companies affairs it behoves the Prince and the Court aloft we refer it to you to doe it soe as may be most for the quiett carriage of our Master's affaires to these parts, without awaiting our advices in every exigency of this nature, least thereby you slip those opertunityes which by that time you can possibly have an answer since may prove irrecoverable. The custome which the King enordered us to pay the last yeare was but 2 per cent. as it is at Surrat soe that is strange the Duan should demand 5 and at the lowest 3 per cent. at Pattana, but y^e answer from y^e King to his letter will we hope put a peaceable period to this affaire.

Wee have not yett got a receipt of this Governour for y^e 3,000rs., his cash paid here this yeare, nor had we any at all by reason of the stop last yeare. All the others are with you in former yeares. In a few daies we hope to gett the writ for this yeare's present aforesaid, when shall send it you by a couple of cossids on purpose which will be time enough ere the date of your mochelkiee will be out. We shall not send any more boates up till heare further from you in it.

Your journall and leiger for last yeare and bookes of charges generall have received and expect the other two coppies. As you mention the Surrat bookes had we assistance you should not be put to write soe often, for but our number is soe deminished that feare till after the ship's departure we shall not be able to get them coppied out to send you. Beames and scales, pen, ink, and paper you shall be furnished with as soone as Mr. Vincent goes to Ballasore we hence haveing written for them but hitherto it seems they are omitted to be sent us. We call not else to mind at present save that we remaine

Your very loveing friends,

MATT^s. VINCENT.

EDWARD READE.

Hugly, 19th October 1677.

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON, &c.

RESPECTED FRIENDS,

Our last to you was dated the 16th currant. We have now received yours of the 13th currant but not under five daies. We are glad to understand the safe

Arrivall of the boate with tin and copper. On examination of the matter here we find that one copper plate dropped into the river hence in carrying on board, as soone as the water abates we think to find it againe. In the interim on the first boate we shall send you another plate instead of it soe you may credit this factory according to the invoice sent with said goods. The letter to Pattana pray forward by a couple of good cossids. We call not else to mind at present. We rest

Your very loveing friends,

MATT^{s}. VINCENT.

EDWARD READE.

Hugly, 20th October 1677.

Mr. EDMUND BUGDEN, &c.

Loveing friends,

Our last to you was dated the 6th currant. Yesterday came to hand yours of the 12th present. The sloope *Arrivall* came before y^{e} factory yesterday, but we understand not why if there were noe more goods on board the *London* that you could not supply a full ladeing for her out of the *Cæsar*, but that she is come up almost in her ballast. When wee wrote you to send the treasure and goods that came in y^{e} *London*, in y^{e} *Arrivall*, we really supposed (as you might have tested by compareing ours of the 18th and 25th of last month) that the ship *Cæsar*, which came before the *London*, should have first been discharged of her treasure, and what goods the *Ganges* could carry, which since you did supply as it seemes from y^{e} shoare and the *London*, yet we think you ought not (on a note which you were the occation off for want of an order), to have sent up the *Arrivall* soe empty as you did leave treasure and severall goods fitting for this place on board the *Cæsar* in y^{e} Roade. Now though this we hope may be noe great damage to our Masters, yett we cannot but think our resentments of it to you to prevent the like in the future since it probably may at another time prove more disadvantageous then at present wee hope it has.

Wee are glad the ships got noe more hurt in the late storme though cannot be too confident that the moonsoone is broken up, but that y^{e} next month we may have another such as this was. Y^{e} companies papers you sent we find very imperfect, as well as the bookes noe registers of letters of late date soe that for want of assistance shall not be able to send coppies of them home this yeare.

Tis strange that you should wonder that we send Ballasore bookes to Ballasore, for we think it their propper place, and since you understand them soe well as you mention, we desire and order you to ballance them, which you say is the only thing that is wanting to perfect them, to effect which you need noe such great assistance though you have as such for your little business there as we have here. As for your acting as three persons there if it were soe it has been other's cases sometimes as well as yours though never wanted of it, and that in a factor where the business is more then in Ballasore, it need to be soe, that if those bookes be not finished wanting as you say onely to be ballanced, we have hopes we shall not be blamed.

If Mr. Smith can prevaile with our Governour here to let lose John Norton, which we notwithstanding many endeavours cannot yet doe, he shall come to Ballasore; and for the future we would have all propositions which immediately concernes not our Master's business sent us from the proposers themselves, that soe when we come to proceed on examination we may ground somewhat on the desires of the severall persons under their own hands. The cash books coppies we have received and refer all business of that nature till our busy times are over. It will not be amiss to turne away all those villianes that you find had cognisance of the theft in Ballasore, it being intollerable, they certainly thought that all woud dye else they would never have dared we thinke to have ventured on soe much at once. What you wrote about y^{e} lack was grounded on Mr. Master, whilst at Cossumbazar, he saying that he apprehended it not agreeing with y^{e} Companies orders to send them lack without sticks when they order it with sticks or the sticklack, for he absolutely said he would not take it but turne it on the hands of those that bought it, if Mr. Master after sight allowed the sending of it home we approve of it likewise. It requires not much experience to understand that lack on the stick and the same beaten off are the same though not soe in respect of tonnage where we thought the ground of the order lay.

The ground or reasons of your protest against Captain Erwin for the mistake of his Mate we do not soe well now understand as possible may when come to Ballasore, for you never desired nor had order to take those chests of treasure on board y^e *London* on shoare, but we are not able as before noted to judge of this business here as shall be hereafter.

The paper inke, and ffactors' provisions we understand you sent off on board of Captain Goldsborough's ship *Bengall Merchant* which the Master of the *Arrivall* saw and demanded, but was answered they would not deliver any, wanting orders for their so doeing from you. We shall not be able to doe anything without this paper, wherefor order you to send it on Mr. Reade's sloope which is ordered to come from Ballasore after the full moone.

On receipt of this we order that George Perrin fitt himself to goe of into the roade, there to remaine on board one of y^e English ships which you shall find most convenient, and take some sheets of paper together making six small paper bookes, upon 3 of which he is to inscribe Hugly goods and underneath the name of one of each of the three ships, the other must be entitled Ballasore goods and underneath the like manner the names of the ships, what goods we shall send downe hence, he is punctually to follow our orders (which shall come with each vessell), as to the ladeing them on board any or all of the ships for y^e which when performed according to said orders he must draw out a receipt in the booke inscribed Hugly goods, and haveing conveyed with the boatswaines make them signe in those bookes which he is to keep by him, and advise hither that he has received and delivered, and take the severall boatswaines' receipts for the said goods. What goods you send of from Ballasore he is exactly to follow your orders in the same manner in ladeing aboard the severall ships and to take receipts for the particulars in the bookes intitled Ballasore Goods, advising you accordingly as how as before directed. Wee call not else to mind at present, but earnestly recommend our Master's investment in that place to your care and dilligence and soe rest.

Your very loveing friends,
MATT^s. VINCENT.
EDWARD READE.

Hugly, 27th October 1677.

CAPTAIN THOMAS ANDREWS.

Wee have ordered the sloope *Lilly* to Ballasore Roade, and it is our desire and order that you will deliver on board her upon acc^t the Hon^{ble} Company as much tin, quicksilver, vermillion, and broadcloth as y^e Master of the sloope may judge a convenient ladeing for her. But in case you should not have any of those goods remaineing on board then we request you to assist her wth some ballast if need be, the vessell being presently to returne hither. With kind respects to you we remaine,

Your Friends to serve you,
MATT^s. VINCENT.
EDWARD READE.

P.S.—If you send any of the goods aforesaid on the *Lilly* pray send up a letter of advice therewith.

M. V.
E. R.

GEORGE HERRON.

Hugly, 27th October 1677.

Captain Erwin being come up hither with intentions to take a survay of this river and the braces, &c., that he might be able to give the Hon^{ble} Company some satisfaction therein, and we being in hopes they will thereby receive encouragement for the future to send their ships into the river to their security and advantage, we have thought fit to order you to attend Captain Erwin and to proceed with him on board the sloope *Lilly*, the Captain intending to spend ten or twelve daies in searching the sands and channell, and when he proceeds for the roade of Ballasore, we order you to goe on board the ship *Cæsar* and deliver our orders given you herewith to y^{e} commander or chief officer on board, and receive from thence a convenient ladeing of such goods as we have wrote for and withall hast convenient to returne for Hugly not goeing on shoare at Ballasore nor staying for any thing to be sent off from thence, the time of the yeare spending away that we must hasten downe our Master's goods, and you must therefore come as soon as possible to goe downe with the *Arrivall* Ketch. We wish you a good voyage and remaine

Your loveing friends,

MATT^{S}. VINCENT.

EDWARD READE.

Hugly, 28th October 1677.

MR. SAM^{EL} HERVY, &c.

LOVEING FRIENDS,

Our last to you was dated the 16th currant in answer to all yours to that date received, since we have received yours of y^{e} 11th present and understand as you advise that the phirwanna you got out stops at Rajamaul, our friends at Cossumbazar had received and sent thither. We wish we could be cleare of Gaubarre at Cossum^{b} as we understand the Dutch are. We should be glad to have a phirwanna for our paying noe custome at y^{e} mint, for at present y^{e} country is at that suspence that we can neither mint nor sell our Master's treasure.

In the case of the mint you may safely give. Wee are sorry your cloth at Decca is likely to come short of what you advised, but hope you may yett get the weavers better to comply with musters agreed on, as that we shall yet have at least the quantity you formerly wrote us concerning. As for Wilson you must doe what you conveniently can without embroyling our Master's affaires thereby, for it will be better to let him take his course rather then by medling with him to hazard the emplunging their business deeper. Your diary for month September have received. Mellick Cassum hath been long expected here but yet not come. In the meantime his sonn hinders us what he can nor has he yet delivered Norton and Mosely to us though we think he dares not send them to Decca least they both should complaine against him. We understand he is now formeing an auzdars against us that we trade very high, that we have ten or twelve ships or sloopes come this yeare to Hugly (more then ever was), that we hereon bring up merchants' goods cheating the King of his subjects customes not being content to be custome free onely ourselves; that we pay but rups. 3,000 pr. annum, that if we had paid custome it would have amounted to more than rups. 20,000 ere now. You must, therefore, to meet and answer these accusations preferred against us, keep an exact correspondence in the Raie's Durbar, though at a small charge (wherein desire you to be as frugall as possible the case will beare), that you may have notice of it, where you may offer this or such like in defence that our trade is not soe high as formerly, we haveing had for some yeares last past from four to six ships and sometimes more sent from Europe hither, and this yeare in all but three; that its time we had severall vessells of 1,000 and 1100 to 2000 maunds each come to Hugly, but that all of them (except two or three as usuall) came in their ballast onely to carry our salt petre, the goods from Hugly to Ballasore, there being great danger in respect of the great seas below which make us afraid to venture our goods on open boates of their country; that we carry merchants' goods, steale custome, &c. You may say an accusation Mellick Zendy would have fixed on us but never yet could make any such thing appeare, nor that ever we doe any such thing it being against the principalls and honour of our nation.

For the last that our 3,000 rups. piscash comes not nigh what ye custome will amount unto; you may answer that by the King's and Nabob's favour we trade hither, but that if it be but well considered how small our trade hath alwaies been, and that we have alwaies (when for severall yeares together, by reason of our warrs with the Dutch, we have had noe traffique at all) paid the said summe yearely in Hugly, beside presents to ye Nabob, &c., it cannot we hope be thought we trade in these parts without paying what an acknowledgement shall by himselfe on full consideration of the whole manner be found reasonable; to you must urge that our accuser is our great enemy; that he hath broken open our factory gates, and by force, after a most unpresidented, way, tooke two Englishmen who were the Honble Companies prisoners there, and has all along continually abused us; and that though this and last yeare we have been forced before the time to pay in here ye 3,000 rups. yearly piscash, yet we cannot to this day get a paper as usuall for it. This and the like you may argue, but we recommend it to your caution how you use these offencive arguments, but as that you consider Mellick Cassum how like to fall in his government here and at Ballasore, whither for continuance or not, &c., as you shall find there, but what we have limited in defence pray manage with your best skill that soe if possible we may get our Master's goods off these here how far at least this shipping ere any sloopes comes. This Governor here being a headstrong fellow noe waies to be won and endeavoring it what we can. We remaine

Your very loveing friends,

MATTs. VINCENT.

EDWARD READE.

Hugly, 29th October 1677.

MR. EDMUND BUGDEN

LOVEING FRIENDS, &c.,

Our last to you was dated ye 20th currant to wch refer you enchargeing the severalls therein to your observance. We have received yours of the 16th dto., and have now sent Mr. Edwards downe to you, who is to act as second of that factory and you are to give him all ye light you can (you saying you understand them very well) into those accots both for makeing up and ballanceing the last yeares as alsoe for buying up this yeare's dto. to ye present time, &c.

Wee admire you should not know where our Master's paper, quills, ink, &c. are when Mr. Bugden sent them on board ye *Bengall Merchant* (as we are informed) and when George Herron proffered to bring them up he seeing them thereby chance, ye mate (as well he might) refused to deliver them without order from Mr. Bugden, who sent them thither, for the which order it being bad weather George Herron could not stay and soe came without them; there is alsoe on board said ship, if not sent on shoare, a chest of canary of our Master's for *Bengall* No. 3 none sent ever arriving hither. This we order you to make enquiry after, and advise when you saw Mr. Marshall's cash chest come short of his cash booke or accot you should have advised immediately that you might have order hence about it, nor are we certaine but that thence may be summs of money issued out since his sickness which might be omitted to be entred, which pray inquiry into and advise the needfull.

The coppy of Shausteh Caun's perwanna on Mellick Cassum wee have not yet seen, and looking for it amongst those confused papers you sent up if find it you will have it herewith, otherwise pray search a little better for it there. Wee call not else to mind at present soe conclude.

Your very loveing friends,
MATT^s VINCENT.
EDWARD READE.

Hugly, 1st November 1677.

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON, &c.

ESTEEMED FRIENDS,

This place at present is soe beare of money that we cannot sell any of our Master's treasure, but are forced to take up for their occations at interest, wherefore have sent you four chests of Royalls, amount as of invoice inclosed, rups.——which desire and order you to sell as soon and as well as you can, and after wee shall send for what money we have occation for here which is all from

Your loveing friends to serve you,
MATT^s VINCENT.
EDWARD READE.

P.S.—Wee desire you to write the full effect of these four chests as soon as possible unto us.

M. V.
E. R.

Hugly, 8th November 1677.

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON, &c.

RESPECTED FRIENDS,

Our last to you was dated the 1st currant. We have now received yours of the same date. The copper plate we have found againe and on a boate now comeing towards you we have put it, from which you may receive and advise us. We take notice of Mr. Knipe's arrivall from the mint. That acco^t when stated pray enter it into your bookes as formerly, and at first leisure send us a transcript of it. We shall in a day or two send you six bales broadcloth two-thirds red as you desire, and doe leave it to you to sell it to the best advantage, and for the most you can gett. Wee wish your Taffaties were all packed, and in this place 'tis strange you cannot get boards for chests for them. What you cannot get chests for you must pack in bales; what quantity in a bale you shall find best; we suppose about 200 peices may doe well, but if you can possibly get chests pack none in bales, and what you doe pack in bales let paper be put above and beneath the bale next to the Taffaties to keep them from being defaced by y^e packing stuff.

Wee much admire at y^e folly of James Harding, which since as you advise persists in, and soe is both useless to our Masters and alsoe gives bad examples to his fellow servants there. We order you to send him hither by the next conveyance, alsoe we order you to send Anthony Smith with him to be examined about Loveney's business. You have done very well in not allowing Harding his diett money since by denying what he is capable off in our Master's business we think he has intended himselfe unworthy of it. We shall alsoe send you some lead, about 200 maunds, and order you to sell it at such rates as you shall find most likely to vend it off fastest. What other goods of our

Masters you find requestable there pray advise us when you shall be fully supplyed by

Your loveing friends,
MATT^{s} VINCENT.
EDWARD READE.

Hugly, 9th November 1677.

MR. JOB CHARNOCK.

RESPECTED FRIEND, &C.,

Our last to you was y^{e} 19th ultimo. We have now received yours of the 23rd being glad that at last you have been able to cleare y^{e} salt petre boates from Pattana, we hope they may yet get hither time enough if meet ? not stops in y^{e} way at Rajamaul. We suppose they will not be embarqued nor doe we feare anything if once they get cleare of the Princes Government, where we are sorry to understand that you and all men meet with such hindrances in trade. What you have written to us we have advised to the Agency as to some meanes for receiving and confirming our Master's decaying priviledges, and if you have any way further to propound we desire you would doe it, the which with our owne thought we should remit to the Agency, 'tis certaine if we procure not a phirmaund, that if not before as may be feared, yet questionless, at Shausteh Caun our present Nabob's death (he being a very old man) or remove, all our whole business in these parts, will be at a stop and in confusion if an answer should come from y^{e} King that we must pay custome then we thinke. We withdraw.

We shall never bring the Nabob's Governours to any reasonable termes with us, but we shall for a yeare or two at least be lyable to be abused at pleasure of every Jackstraw in office as the poore Portugees in these parts are; the receipt we got this yeare for our 3,000 rups piscash in this place yearly extorted, we have inclosed sent you, and desire as soon as you have done with it to remit it us here againe, our officers here yearly demanding on giveing a new receipt a sight and coppy of the former yeares, we hope this may prevaile with the Prince's Duan, if not, we shall try what may be done with Shausteh Caun. Our friends at Decca have severall times desired to know in y^{e} open Durbar what answer y^{e} King had given about our trade in these parts, and have alwaies hitherto been answered by Reynundelol, y^{e} Nabob's Duan, that noe answer was yet arrived, and that we should not trouble ourselfes about it but mind our trade as formerly. It will not——wth you think be seasonable to make any application either to Shausteh Caun or y^{e} Vizer at court for a phirmaund custome free untill this answer comes, but we desire you to be in a readiness against it shall happen that it to have a fitting person ready to send up an able Vaqueel to Court about this affaire. What can be done by meanes of Shausteh Caun we shall then try, and punctually from time to time shall give you advices according to which you may give orders to your Vaqueel at Court.

If for 400 rs. bribe you can get back y^{e} money deposited in Meirbar's hands acco^{t} custome it will be noe bad bargaine in that as we formerly wrote you it will be of good consequence by being Master of President for our future trade there.

You have had y^{e} substance of what written in y^{e} ffort generall about procury of a phirmaund, and we now send you coppy of the clause itselfe. We have very little assistance to goe through with much writeing work this yeare, and therefore cannot transcribe large letters, it not being of absolute necessity at present, since we have never omitted to give a perfect acco^{t} of all particulars in those advices which anywaies concernes your factory.

We shall see to get such a note as you intimate from our Governour. We yearly pay rups 3,000 here for our trade in all these parts, and if can procure it shall remit you by another express on purpose. In the interim this comes with y^{e} receipt for y^{e} rups 3,000 as aforesaid. Mahummood Amey Caun should come to be Vizier. We hope we may on remembrance of his father's kindness to our nation by his meanes get a phirmaund. It will not be long ere we shall see what must be done, but we hope to get all our goods on boardship first, and then shall be at more leisure to argue the case with y^{e} Government. Bookes, paper, quills, beames, and scales shall be sent you as soon as we can procure them from Ballasore, whither we have ourselves written for them but hitherto in vaine, but hope suddenly to receive them. We call not else to mind at present. Remaine

Your assured loveing friends,

MATT^{s} VINCENT.
EDWARD READE.

Hugly, 12th November 1677.

MR. EDMUND BUGDEN, &c.

ESTEEMED FRIEND,

Our last to you was dated October the 29th to which refer you We have now received yours of y^{e} 3rd currant. Y^{e} Hon^{ble} Companies paper, &c., the Mate of the *Bengall Merchant* told George Herron, y^{e} Pylot of y^{e} *Arrivall*, that you sent on board, and that without your order he would not deliver it. We hope it will at last come up as you advise. Had you sent us an acco^{t} what goods you have remaineing or ready in ———— with no marks, &c., we could have better told you how to lade them. All hands being now with you suppose you doe not want assistance to finish your accompts. We shall take care on y^{e} sloopes to send you twelve bales ordinary red broadcloth. Lookeing now every day for the salt petre which we understand left Pattana y^{e} 23rd last month in company off ꝑ C. of which Mr. Vincent intends, God willing, to come to Ballasore. In y^{e} interim we order you to be getting in what possible you can of y^{e} goods you have given out money on, and to be sorting, packing and putting that noe time may be lost.

Wee doe not well understand y^{e} nature of the difference you have lately had with y^{e} Governour, and therefore till doe shall say little in it at present, especially it being passed, but must remind you that soe many armed men as you mention ought not to be held out in y^{e} manner and to y^{e} place you mention, but on every extraordinary occasion, such we hope seldome doe or will happen in Bengall, and never to be used but with all amicable waies of takeing up differences are obstructed, which you to act that y^{e} chief of Decca we are glad that noe mischief was done, and that all things are as they were, and withall order you to avoide by all meanes any such rash undertakeings for y^{e} future. The invoices you desire accompany these. Not else at present but subscribe

Your loveing friends,

MATT^{s} VINCENT.
EDWARD READE.

Hugly, 13th November 1677.

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON.

ESTEEMED FRIEND,

Our last to you was of the 8th currant. Yesterday we dispeeded four boates to you with fifty piggs of lead——this weight as alsoe six Bales qt 36 : halfe prices broad cloth ⅔ red and ⅓ green ; they all amount as of invoice inclosed unto Rupees 28,798 ; their disposeall recommend unto you, and remaine

Your very reall friends,

MATT^{s} VINCENT.
EDWARD READE.

Hugly, 14th November 1677.

MR. FYTCH NEDHAM.

LOVEING FRIENDS,

Suddenly expecting Mr. Samuell Hervy here according to orders formerly sent him, and not thinking it adviseable those troublesome and uncertaine times that you should both at once be long out of Decca, we therefore order you to repaire thither with all convenient hast, and if Mr. Hervy should not have left the place to take all remaines belonging to our Masters of him, and if he be come away to take them of whomsoever he hath left them with. You are to act the Durbar, &c., affaires of the Hon^ble^ Company there as Superintendent untill further orders. We strictly encharge to your exact correspondence hither, and punctually advices from time to time of all importances occurrences, particularly that you soe keep in with y^e^ Ray's Muttsuddies that when answer comes from y^e^ king about our paying custome, we may have at least five or six daies time ere a perwanna be issued out and sent conveying it hither. Your bookes, diary, coppy booke of letters, &c., we order you to keep exact and methodicall, and to send in your acco^t^ of cash monthly. We wish you your health, a good voyage, and rest,

Your very loveing friends,
MATT^s^ VINCENT.
EDWARD READE.

Hugly, 16th November 1677.

MR. JOB CHARNOCK.

RESPECTED FRIEND,

Our last to you was dated the 9th currant, to which refer you, and these are chiefly occationed by a letter yesterday received from Decca intimating that our old Nabob Shausteh Caun is certainly turned out of the Government of Bengall, and that another Amraw named Auzzom Caun is comeing in his steade. This or whoever it be that comes we thinke it very good that you visited him in his passage through Pattana, and therefore desire and order you to doe it unless you shall certaintly find it prejudiciall to our Master's affaires which we cannot imagine how it can but rather advantageous. By this meanes propably you may attaine notice how the king has determined the business of our not paying or paying custome in Bengall, and give us such items in that and other necessary things as may better prepare us to encounter him at Rajamaul y^e^ Princes, Neshawn, &c. Persian papers of concerne lately and formerly sent you, which are or may be of use to the business of these parts you having done with them pray returne us if with security it may be done by a paire of able peons. It will behove us all to bestir ourselves in this juncture where in all the Hon^ble^ Companies priviledges long injoyed in these parts soe manifestly ly at stake, in consideration of which we the more earnestly recommend this affaire to your care, vigilancy, and exact advice hither, that we may the better know how to manage ourselves accordingly. The saltpetre patellees we had advice from Cossumbazar were ready to leave Rajamull the 9th currant, since which have had noe news of them though now begin to expect them daily. Wee are

Yo^e^ very loveing friends,
MATT^s^ VINCENT.
EDWARD READE.

Hugly, 16th November 1677.

Mr. SAMUELL HERVY.

Mr. FYTCH NEDHAM.

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 28th ultimo, since which came to hand yours of the 28th ditto and 7th currant. The former was accompanied of 13 balls of our Master's Decca cloth which we have put waxcloth unto and repacked in bales, noe boards for chests at present being here procurable. Wee are sorry to understand by yours of y^{e} 7th that Nabob Shaesteh Caun is turned out of his government of Bengall, especially at such a time when our Master's priviledges in soe weake a condition as now they are, and the grand question of our paying custome not yet resolved. We heartily pray that y^{e} new Nabob bring a favourable sentence concerning our trade from y^{e} king, as it may be he may, and then we hope everything may goe on in a better channell then formerly. Pray let us have constant and punctuall advice of all our occurences material, and if by any meanes we could know from Roynundelol what answer we might expect from y^{e} king concerning our present impending trouble of custome it would give us some insight how may proceed the which we leave to you to get done, and rest

Your loveing friends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDWARD READE.

Hugly, 17th November 1677.

Mr. EDMUND BUGDEN, &c.

Loveing Friends,

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 12th currant. We have now received yours of y^{e} 9th d^{to}. We have now received in a wine chest severall factors provisions, *viz.*, 15¾ rheames of all sorts of paper out of 30 d^{to}, 14 —— of 48 d^{to}, with paper bookes of 18 d^{to}, one rundlet of ink, halfe out; noe quills nor inkglasses as signified in y^{e} invoice, but hope to have an acco^{t} of all when come downe.

Shausteh Caun's perwanna went by our last, but he is now turned out. A Nabob Fidei Caun new named Auzzam Caun is comeing in his steed. Hodgee Soffy Caun, the King's Duan governes Bengall till his arrivall, and Moorola Caun goes for Orixa till the new Nabob's son shall arrive thither. What we wrote to you last as to methodizeing your business with the merchants, there, we still confirm M. Cassum on his turne of business begins to play his old tricks afresh, not giving us dusticks as formerly, and our petre boates after leaving Rojamul when we thought them cleare of all difficulties hapening to light upon an Aidy of the Nabob's at Meirdapore, who stopped them to carry up his Master's goods to Hindoostan and had given order for their takeing out their petre. Mr. Knipe is sent to see whither for a small bribe he can bring them off, in which we wish him good success; on consideration of which two things, Mr. Vincent haveing intended to leave this place the beginning of the next weake will be forced to stay somewhat longer to see what will be the event of them and accordingly to take order concerning them in which interim we order you to hasten y^{e} Hon^{ble} Companies investment there, into y^{e} ffactory and sort, prize and pack up said goods ready to be shipped away; and if we should be detained here by that present exigency of affaires longer then ordinary, that you send on board what of the said goods can be taken in ere the saltpetre arrives; for which desire you to be referred to y^{e} commanders; if any oportunity happens suddenly. Pray send up four pieces of the Hon^{ble} Companies fine green, we haveing none here for presents.

Wee remaine
Your loveing friends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDWARD READE.

Hugly, 17th November 1677.

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON.

RESPECTED FRIEND, &c.

Our last to you was dated y^e 13th currant, since which came hand yours of y^e same date, and are glad you have received the four chests Royalls, of which hope you may sell notwithstanding the alteration of Gover ment in the Tancksaull business will remaine up in y^e same hands untill t new Nabob arrives which we conceive will be at least three months. We are gl soe good a Governour as Mahomood Morad is to be in Ammodavad (till Nabob comes downe) under whome we hope noe stops will be in our Master's affaires there, he haveing all along while formerly he was in place been very civill. The Nabob that comes downe is Phiddei Caun under the new name of Auzzum Caun, and his son is to be Nabob of Orisa. In y^e interim Nowrola Caun is to take that Government from Jaffir Caun, y^e present Nabob's sonn; but that the Prince should come and live at Rajamaul we cannot believe it, being part of y^e Government of Bengall. We feare these alterations on y^e present great unsettled^{mt} of y^e Companies affaires in these parts may be the occasion of great troubles if not totall stop of their business for some time in this kingdome, which we pray God avert, and that at least we may have soe much time as to lade these ships now in y^e Roade away ere the storme falls upon us. We would advise you to be spareing in your investment till see how things are like to fare for tis better to have the Hon^{ble} Companies money in house when an universall embarqueing may come, as may not without reason suddenly be expected, then abroad in the natives' hands because it may then be utterly lost. Your goods we order you to send away what can be gott ready as soone as possible. Scarlet we have here but not fine green, y^e former shall send you as soon as gett dustucks for it, they being on their new alteration or we know not what other fancy of M. Cassums afresh denied us though promised on them his yearly usuall present, in a day or two more shall see what he will doe or demand.

Wee are sorry after all those great stops that have hapned at Pattana on our Master's petre, that an unexpected one should fall on y^m by the Nabob's Aidy at Meirdapore. We hope that Mr. Knipe may prevaile by meanes of a small bribe with him to let them goe; but if it should soe happen that notwithstanding all meanes used you cannot get them cleare, but they will turne y^e petre on shoare, in such case we order you to gett what oxen possible about Colcapore, Meirdapore, &c., to bring it overland to you (if noe other boates after y^e Aidy shall be gone, and it be not too late to be procurable thereabouts) and let boates be ready on Cossumbazar side to receive it in as it comes, and as fast as laden proceed hither that at least we may take care to dispatch our ships after y^e other as we shall be able, but we shall be hugely glad to heare of their releasement, as we yet hope of it all as it is: this embarqued of y^e petre and unexpected crosses of M. Cassum will occasion Mr. Vincent's longer tarrying here then he intended since in case of such difficulties as these may be, it will not be adviseable for him to leave Mr. Reade alone, as he must be otherwise be sure y^e Hon^{ble} Company have ordered all, especially business of this nature, to be carried on by joint Councell, else he had appointed y^e beginning of next weeke for his departure hence, which now on this occation must be a little longer prolonged. Wee call not else to mind save that we are

Your loveing friends,
MATT^S VINCENT.
EDWARD READE.

The Petre is 15,400 maunds.

Hugly, 20th November 1677.

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON.

RESPECTED FRIENDS,

Our last to you was y^{e} 17th present, to which refer you. Just now received yours of y^{e} 17th ditto and are exceedingly concerned, the case requiring noe less at our Master's Petre being thus N^{n} thought all was cleare, stopped at Meirdapore, we have considered that to bring it overland by oxen to Cossumbazar will be to small purpose since we question not but Bulchund hath pressed all y^{e} boates procureable thereabouts, and to bring it hither on oxen would were it feasable, take up too much time, that ere it would arrive it would be time that the ships were dispatched from Ballasore. Wherefore we earnestly recommend it to you to solicit Bulchund in person yourselfe if can find noe other way to let y^{e} boates only come and discharge their ladeing at Hughly, and if he pleases he may send a man on all or each boat to whome we shall deliver them, and in two or three daies after their arrivall here hasten them back againe to Meirdapore. Pray use this way or any other conducive to this purpose backed with some money though it should be to y^{e} amount off Rs. 1,000 or somewhat more seeing it will be a very dead loss in dead fraught &c. to our Masters should this petre be kept soe long that it cannot goe home on these ships. Wee earnestly recommend this business being of great consequence to your utmost endeavours, and remaine

Your assured loveing friends,

MATT^{s} VINCENT.

EDWARD READE.

Wee find by Mr. Hervy's comeing by at Meirdapore at y^{e} same time when y^{e} petre boates were stopped that small boates are not soe much taken notice off, it would be well to try what of such you could procure in case you cannot gett y^{e} great ones cleare, and rather then faile to lade all on them we refer it to you and rest.

Y^{dem}

M. V.

E. R.

Hugly, 22nd November 1677.

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON.

RESPECTED FRIEND, &C.

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 20th currant. We have seen a particuler letter from you intimating the obdurateness of Bulchund in his denying to let our Master's saltpetre boates goe from Meirdapore; that he feares to take a bribe, and that you have been advised to take y^{e} boates away by force. This latter course we thinke of doubtfull and dangerous consequence, such as we cannot see through, and therefore we cannot think it adviseable in y^{e} present condition of y^{e} Companies affaires in these parts. We therefore order you on receipt of this to draw up a paper or fuzd declareing the great damage will be done y^{e} company for want of ballast in their ships by keeping these boates whereby we shall not be able to get the petre aboard them this moonsoone, that we will certainely in soe many daies deliver these boates to him in Hughly or Meirdapore againe rather then faile be sending some of his own peons as Mohuffush on y^{e} boates hither, and that for his favor in this great exigency he shall have Rs. 1,000; this gett well worded and goe yourselfe to him delivering it to him when few people are with him with your owne hand, and it is possible you may prevaile, for force we dare not venture on it, the Hon^{ble}

Company haveing often enjoyned an amicable correspondence with y^e^ Government of this country, but never directed us to use force. We earnestly recommend this great affaire to your prudent management and as much expedition as the thing will beare.

We remain

Your very loveing friends,

MATT^S^ VINCENT.
EDWARD READE.
SAMUELL HERVY.

Hugly, 22nd November 1677.

MR. FYTCH NEDHAM, &c.

LOVEING FRIENDS,

Our Master's saltpetre boates being stopped at Meirdapore by Bulchund and ordered to unlade that he may have them for the Nabob's use to carry his luggage up to Hindoostan, the which will be an unspeakable loss to y^e^ Hon^ble^ Company in that we shall not be able to gett the saltpetre downe within these moonsoones for Bengall. We therefore order you to complaine to y^e^ Rae concerning this, and endeavour to get us license to bring our boates to Hughly, where shall deliver them to whome it shall be thought fitt for the Nabob's use. Pray be quick in your advices of all kinds to us since it may be of great importance to our Master's affaires in y^e^ present troublesome posture of things in these parts.

We are

Your loveing friends,

MATT^S^ VINCENT.
EDW^D^ READE.
SAM^LL^ HERVY.

The business of the Tancksaul custome being very detainentiall to our Masters' business, treasure selling and coyning very slowly, till that be determined we order you to use your utmost endeavours to put a good issue to that affaire.

M. V.
E. R.
S. H.

Hugly, 23rd November 1677.

MR. FYTCH NEDHAM, &c.

LOVEING FRIENDS,

Our last to you was yesterday morning. In y^e^ evening arrived yours of the 12th currant, whereby understand you have sent by boates four bales of Dacca cloth hitherward being y^e^ remainer of what investment made there this yeare and y^e^ fall. And of what to be expected thence, wee could heartily wish the business of y^e^ mint were brought to some good issue till which be done we shall not be able to find vend for our Master's treasure which lies still a great part in the house unsold, noe merchants, till y^e^ mint custome be determined, being willing to put any treasure in to be coined We hope your next will give us an Acco^t^ of its consummaotin.

Wee hope you have not failed soe to bestir yourselves as to gett the phirwanna newly granted us by the Nabob for our free trade in Bengall againe perfected and into your hands that it may be of good consequence to our Master's affaires to procure the like of this new Nabob at his first comeing, whereby the question of our paying custome we hope may againe for some time be forgotten till we can one way or other make way to gett this Emperor's phirmaund for all our priviledges in these parts; in this and all your expences we injoyne you all y^e^ frugallity can be yet soe as that y^e^ business (especially when of such consequence as this seems to be) may not be starved thereby. We call not else to mind save well-wishes for your health and prosperity and rest

Your loveing friends,
MATT^S^ VINCENT.
EDW^D^ READE.
SAM^LL^ HERVY.

P.S.—As soone as ever you can gett y^e^ Nabob's phirwanna finished pray dispeed it thither with four coppies attested by y^e^ Cozzee.

M. V.
E. R.
S. H.

Hugly, 24th November 1677.

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON.

RESPECTED FRIEND, &C.

Our last was of the 22nd currant. We have now received yours of y^e^ 20th November, with the bad news of our masters' petre being turned ashoare and y^e^ pattalees carried away by force by the old Nabob's illnatered officers, the which we are heartily sorry to understand, in that it will now be impossible to get it downe time enough to lade on these Europe ships this moonsoone, but we have thought on this expedient (intending to send away y^e^ ships as soone as usuall) to fraught up severall vessells hence sending them by the 5th of January at furthest to rights to Madrass with this petre. If therefore you can possible procure carriage by land or by water or both but y^e^ rather the latter because cheaper, which we strictly order you to endeavour and with as much expedition as y^e^ present circumstances of affaires will suffer you, soe as that the saltpetre may according to good probably be in Hughly by the 25th of next month at furthest, we enorder you to send it downe to this place for should it soe happen that these goods should remaine behind this yeare it will prove a vast loss as well as disappointment to our Hon^ble^ Masters. Not else at present.

We remain
Your loveing friends,
MATT^S^ VINCENT.
EDW^D^ READE.
SAM^LL^ HERVY.

Hugly, 26th November 1677.

MR. THO. BROWNE.

The Hon^ble^ Companies affaires requiring our spediest advices to the Right Worp^ll^ Agent and Councell at Madrass, we have therefore made fitt the sloope *Lilly* for this purpose, and order you upon receipt hereof to go on board her and proceed forthwith directly towards Madrass making all possible hast you can for the spediest arrival thither, and not stay at Ballasore or any other port till you get thither, where, when please God, you arrive you are to deliver our letter to the Right Worp^{ll} Agent, &c., and for your future proceedings to follow such order as they shall think fitt to give you. We wish you a good voyage and remain

Your loveing friends,
MATT^{s} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.

Hugly, 28th November 1677.

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON.

ESTEEMED FRIEND,

Our last was of y^{e} 24th present, since which we have received your severalls of y^{e} 20th, 22nd, and 24th d^{o}, which came to hand just as we were about giveing orders in persuance of a consultation held here y^{e} 24th currant to you that if boates were not procurable for our Masters' petre that then should endeavour to hire oxen and to endear both by land and by water to gett it downe hither if to be effected and brought hither y^{e} 25th next month at furthest having resolved to despatch y^{e} ships by y^{e} middle of next month. We are glad to understand by yours of y^{e} 24th that 17 bunglows are got ready and now laden, for we were afraide though resolved noe endeavours should be wanting in our side, that as soone as the Nabob shall be removed our whole business will be stopped, till can gett the new expected Nabob's perwanna which hope may be done. Shausteh Caun haveing promised to graunt us a new phirwanna for our free trade at his goeing away which we have hope will prove a good ground for us to procure one from Azzum Caun at his arrivall. We desire all sorts of boates may be hired so as if possible it may get here time enough to be yet laden on y^{e} Europe ships, the which will be a great charge saved to our Masters. You have well observed that Jaffer Caun's dustuck is of noe greater force then ours, and we hope Mr. Nedham and Mr. Collins together may be able to procure boates of one sort or another enough for y^{e} whole quantity of petre.

As to takeing charge of Boolchund's carpett, &c., as you mention, since he has been so civil, you may agree to what he desires if persists still in it, remembering all necessary cautions for our security.

We are glad our Masters' boates of lead and broadcloth are come. We still are of opinion that it will be not convenient to have any considerable summe in weavers or Picanes hands till what shall be able to doe with this new Nabob though are very sorry we should thereby againe miss this November bund of raw silke bund, but there is noe remedy and we must supply its defects by the silke of March, which if seasonable weather happens at that time will not come much behind it. James Harding is arrived hither who remaines as he did in y^{e} ffactory till y^{e} sloopes proceed to Ballasore where he shall be examined about all things laid to his charge. Your Taffaties, &c., goods all which we desire you to hasten will be wellcome y^{e} yeare spending apace.

We remaine
Your very loveing friends,
MATT^{s} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.

Hugly, 28th November 1677.

MR. EDMUND BUGDEN, &C.

ESTEEMED FRIENDS,

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 17th currant since which have received yours of y^{e} 20th, together with y^{e} coast letters and generall from y^{e} agency wishing you had sent all advices y^{t} came from those parts. As to those five chests I noe one here knows anything of them, that marke W. C. may possibly belong to Mr. Clavell.

Tis strange you cannot prise the goods which you sort and pack and that giveing halfe money and halfe goods on an Investment should any waies hinder it. Surely if y^{e} goods received in can be packed after it's paid, it may much better be done while in y^{e} factory, besides what goods you have given this yeare, if you have followed orders, been at such rates as they have been the same already, and y^{e} good agreed for at rates accordingly. Had we liked y^{e} usuall custome of that factory of shipping off y^{e} goods bought there and prizeing them afterwards we should not have troubled ourselves or you to have given another order, but haveing well considered immethodicalness, as well as many other inconveniences thereof, we give you timely orders about which we enjoyne you to follow, and not only what goods you shall have packed since y^{e} receipt of said orders, but whatever packed before prised and the merchants acquainted therewith or directed two daies time given him at most to agree to it or carry away his goods returning y^{e} money and goods with y^{e} advance mentioned in contract. This we stricktly enjoyne you to doe, it being your business, and Ballasore being as distinct from Hugly as any other factory in Bengall you will find yourselves answerable for all things therein by you transacted therein.

Those timbers, &c., Mr. Edwards has brought an acc^{t}. off as wanting to compleat y^{e} warehouse at Cossumbazar since y^{e} other sent up formerly proved weake and unusefull we order you to provide ready to be shipped off on y^{e} first oportunity.

Our petre was all throwne ashoare by the Nabob Shausteh Caun's servants and y^{e} boates carried away by force, the which advised two daies agoe by y^{e} sloope *Lilly* (bought for that purpose) to y^{e} Wop^{ll}. Agency, but last night had advice that we had 17 *bangelas* at Meirdapore and were ladeing them, soe hope a good quantity of our petre if noe stop as last yeare happens may yet be gotten downe ere these ships depart. Pray get everything ready and your goods as fast prised and baled, let them be shipped off that when we arrive we may not be troubled with any of your business above noted. We call not else to mind at present.

Remaine
Your loveing friends,
MATT^{s}. VINCENT.
EDW^{D}. READE.

Hugly, 29th November 1677.

MR. FYTCH NEDHAM, &c.

LOVEING FRIENDS,

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 23rd since which have received yours of y^{e} 12th and 16th ditto. Y^{e} former is four bales, which you say is all of our Masters cloth we can expect from your factory this yeare, we wish it could have been a greater quantity. We are sorry by yours of y^{e} 16th to understand y^{e} ill success of y^{e} Taucksaul affaire. Wee have now laden most part of y^{e} Hon^{ble} Companies goods now here, and shall dispatch them hence to prevent what in us lies these being stopped by your Duan, who seems to intend it as soone as y^{e} Nabob leaveing Decca and he comes into place. Pray if any such perwanna as came last yeare for demanding afresh be intended us be sure you make y^{e} Duans Mutsuddies soe much your friends as that if possible it may be soe many daies retarded as that we may have sufficient warning to gett what remaining goods shipped off and to prepare ourselves to endure y^{e} brunt. The Nabob Shausteh Caun's new perwanna promised lately for our future trade in these parts, pray faile not to gett and coppies as formerly desired.

We remaine
Your loveing friends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
SAM^{LL}. HERVY.

Hugly, 30th November 1677.

MR. EDWARD READE.

MR. JOHN BYAM.

RESPECTED FRIENDS,

The season of y^{e} yeare being very far spent, I am now goeing down to Ballasore to see how forwards all things are there, whither in reference to severall examinations enordered by our Masters Mr. Reade must suddenly follow. I leave this as a remembrance for what by you to doe in y^{e} Hon^{ble} Companies business. The goods contracted for this yeare in this factory as ꝑ y^{e} severall merchants and weavers notice left with you. pray gett as many of them in as you can, and sort, prize, and send y^{m} away so as that they may be in y^{e} roade by y^{e} 20th day next month. What cannot be got in soe as to come by that time the merchants must keep and repay the money according to contract, the Hon^{ble} Companies saltpetre w^{ch} has detained me in Hugly is (as just now understand) laden four days agoe on 56 boates. That of which came from Meirdapore y^{e} 25th currant, this alsoe, as it pleases God, it shall arrive, pray lade what docked vessells are all ready here and procurable, and send them down to Mr. Perrin in Ballasore roade; the rest lade on *Boreas* hired here for that purpose, referring only a jocund lading for y^{e} two sloopes y^{e} *Arrivall* and y^{e} *Ganges*, which shall be dispatched out of Ballasore hitherward the same day they are unladen, but in case you have notice from Decca whither we have by severall letters taken orders to give us immediate notice as alsoe to get such an order delayed four or five daies if it should come that a stope is likely to be put as it was last yeare upon our Masters' business, then immediately lade all away on *Boreas* may gett below *Fanna* ere y^{e} sloope may arrive. The goods you send downe pray proportion them in this enordering soe to lade them aboard but alwaies lett y^{e} *Bengall Merchant* have y^{e} greater proportion what goods will not fall into just thirds. I call not else to mind save heartily wishes for your success and to subscribe.

Your very loveing friend,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

The Pattana invoice of saltpetre is not yet received. Pray bring or send it down to Ballasore. Mr. Jaffery and Mr. Brochelsby have each of them received 100 rup^{s}. acco^{t}. their fraught of saltpetre to Ballasore which pray deduct.

The saltpetre it being now very late in y^{e} yeare takes onely two or three baggs out of a boate and let be weighed to see how it holds out the rest; let it be carried as it comes to y^{e} vessell side on which it must be laden, and so taken in putting some new baggs aboard so that if any breake they may be shifted therewith.

Y^{dem}

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

Ballasore, 14th December 1677.

MR. GEORGE PERRIN.

Wee should be glad to heare of y^{e} arrivall of y^{e} two sloopes that come from Hugly with Mr. Reade, much wondring what is become of them; as soon as the *Bor^{e}as* or great boats from Hugly arrive to the roade pray advise us that we may send our goods off hence which the commanders have desired us to wave till they can have a quantity of petre to stiffen their ships. What goods of our Masters remaineing aboard the *Bengall Merchant* or *Cazar* pray send ashoare by any good conveyance. What is aboard the new *London* left remaine aboard till y^{e} Companies sloopes arrive, and then let all be put aboard them.

We remaine

Your loveing friends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

EDW^{D} READE.

EDMUND BUGDEN.

P.S.—Lett the tin aboard the sloope *Mary* remaine there, and what else is in y^e^ *London* lett be put upon y^e^ Companies sloopes when they come.

M. V.
E. R.
E. B.

Ballasore, 14th December 1677.

MR. GEORGE PERRIN.

Wee are very glad since y^e^ foregoeing of this date to understand the sloopes and boras with y^e^ petre, &c., are arrived. By each sloope you have directions where to put on board all y^e^ goods of y^e^ Hon^ble^ Companies in them, which you are punctually to follow, haveing great care to y^e^ markes and numbers of each particuler, and after the sloopes are unladen you are to make a computation of what saltpetre is already put on board the English ships and what more you have advice off come on y^e^ *boras*, and accordingly to lade that on y^e^ Europe ships, so that each of them may have equal thirds of y^e^ petre; onely you must remember that to make up the one-third for y^e^ *London* there will 700 bags come by the *Arrivall* and *Ganges* with which you are to compleat that ship's proportion.

Capt. Goldsborough hath write to his mate about y^e^ forceing goods away, and we hope he nor noe others will dare doe soe againe; if they should it will create them and us a great deale of trouble, soe pray tell them, and you must compute the ladeing of y^e^ petre according, keeping soe much as was ordered to y^e^ *Cezar* out of y^e^ other quantity ordered to y^e^ *Bengall Merchant;* if any ship exceeds in quantity of saltpetre as where odd baggs or bales are let it be y^e^ *Bengall Merchant.*

Wee are
Your loveing friends,

MATT^S^ VINCENT.
EDW^D^ READE.
EDM^D^ BUGDEN.
SAM^LL^ HERVY.

The boatswaine's receipt for goods out of y^e^ advice on board the *Cezar* we have returned you, and order you as their commanders have now enjoyned them to make y^e^ boatswaines give another, and all others for y^e^ future (and before if any) in y^e^ bookes you keep for that purpose.

Y^dem^

M. V.
E. R.
E. B.
S. H.

Ballasore, 20th December 1677.

MR. GEORGE PERRIN,

Wee have received yours of y^e^ 19th and take notice what petre is laden on each ship, what remaineing on y^e^ *Hanniball* as alsoe on y^e^ two boras lately come into y^e^ roade, the former as you write being 415 baggs and y^e^ latter 340 ditto. We order you to lade aboard y^e^ *Bengall Merchant*, the which will make her quantity of petre 2,856 baggs; and if you should have laden any of y^e^ before mentioned add out of the *Hanniball* or Bora which, according to your letter we hope you will not have done till our orders; then you must supply that quantity of what you want of it out of the very next quantity that shall arrive from aloft, but we hope this will supply all; the goods that went hence yesterday hope will suddenly be laden and enordered in thirds aboard; if you can, let y^e^ *Bengall Merchant* have six bales of Ballasore goods more than her share, here being still a dozen bales behind, and deduct it out of y^e^ other two ships' thirds; when you have thus done pray send y^e^ receipt bookes for the *Bengall Merchant* ashoare, that we may draw out bills of ladeing and dispatch her. The whole quantity of petre expected and come from Hugly and this place makes 8,548 baggs of which according to y^e^ foregoeing order you are to lade (in all) on y^e^ *Bengall Merchant* 2,856 baggs or thereabouts, the rest expected must be soe laden as that y^e^ *Cezar* and y^e^ *London* may have an equall share; pray be quick in your answer, and sending the receipt bookes ashoare.

We remaine
Your loveing friends,
MATT^S^ VINCENT.
EDW^D^ READE.
EDM^D^ BUGDEN.
SAM^LL^ HERVY.

Ballasore, 21st, December at night, 1677.

MR. GEORGE PERRIN.

Wee have received the booke of receipts belonging to y^e^ *Bengall Merchant*, but wonder you would send it before it was perfected and you had put on board y^e^ *Bengall Merchant* all we have ordered; we have returned it to you and order you to perfect it with all imaginable speed and returne it againe immediately to us.

We remaine
Your loveing friends,
MATT^S^ VINCENT.
EDW^D^ READE.
EDM^D^ BUGDEN.
SAM^LL^ HERVY.

Ballasore, 22nd December 1677.

MR. GEORGE PERRIN.

Wee wrote you last night to which refer you, and then sent you back againe your bookes of receipts for y^e^ *Bengall Merchant.* If anything omitted to make up her compleate ladeing as enordered or mistake in said whether it be in the goods come down from Hugly or sent off hence, pray faile not to rectifie it ere you send it ashoare againe. which be sure, if possible, to doe soe as that it may be here by Munday morning at furthest, for that day, God willing, we intend to dispatch that ship, the which haveing received y^e^ 2,856 baggs of saltpetre and her proportion of all other goods as in ours to you of y^e^ 20th currant and formerly sent you. Pray lade y^e^ remaineing petre come and to come &c., goods on board the *Cezar* and new *London* soe that each may have an equall part of both accounting what each hath already aboard and to be laden for. We understand that the *Cezar* has near 700 baggs of petre on board her more then the *London*; pray reduce them by y^e^ meanes of what petre come already, and to come downe to an equallity and keep them soe in their proportion of that and all other goods, and this for y^e^ future observe as a standing rule for your present ladeing them, unless you shall receive a generall order for alteration in any particular, and henceforwards stay not for any order hence, but lade all goods that comes from Hugly as above specified for y^e^ *Bengall Merchant;* receipt bookes ashoare, but let all her ladeing be finished ere you send it to

Your very loveing friends,
MATT^S^ VINCENT.
EDW^D^ READE.
EDM^D^ BUGDEN.
SAM^LL^ HERVY.

P.S.—When you have laden the anchors and gunns and what ballast Captain Erwin tells us is on board the *London* on y^e^ two sloopes, we suppose they will be stiff enough and then pray send them in.

Y^dem^
M. V.
E. R.
E. B.
S. H.

Ballasore, 24th December 1677.

CAPTAIN JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH.

The season of y^e^ yeare being now growne exceeding late, we have been necessitated to keep you soe long by reason of y^e^ great stopps we have mett this yeare principally about the petre and y^e^ slowness of conveyance from Hugly when at last it arrived thither. You now having what thought convenient to lade on you, we order you immediately to repaire on board your ship the *Bengall Merchant,* and to weigh your anchor and sett saile bending your course with y^e^ best of your skill and judgement for y^e^ most spedy attaineing the port of Madras, where you are to repaire on shoare and carry our generall letter to y^e^ Hon^ble^ Governour, &c., Councell and to follow their orders for your farther disposeall.

In your way up you are to touch at Metchlepatam with your ship, there to take in what goods the Commissioners there have orders from y^e^ said Hon^ble^ Governour and Councell at Madras to lade on board you. We wish you a good voyage and remaine

Your loveing friends,
MATT^S^ VINCENT.
EDW^D^ READE.
EDM^D^ BUGDEN.
SAM^LL^ HERVY.

The 29th December y^e^ like dispatch was given *mutatis mutandis* to Captain Thomas Andrews, Commander of y^e^ *Cezar* and to Captain George Erwin, Commander of y^e^ new *London.*

Y^dem^
M. V.
E. R.
E. B.
S. H.

Ballasore, 4th January 1678.

MR. JOB CHARNOCK.

RESPECTED FRIEND, &C.,

Wee have received yours of y^e 13th and 16th November of y^e 7th and 12th of last month, w^{ch} we had answered ere now, but that we have bin fully employed in dispatching y^e Europe ships, y^e *Bengal Merchant* saileing out of this roade y^e 25th ultimo and y^e *Cœzar* and *New London* y^e 29th d^{to}, late all of them as to y^e time of y^e yeare, but early if consider y^e great stops.

Wee note that y^e Dutch troubles are greater then ours, and what they have paid for onely getting their ophium from Pattana; we hope ere this arrives that y^e King will have ordered the remaineing part of y^e 1,200 rups. you paid y^e Prince's Duan to gett y^e saltpetre thence to be repaid you. Wee had followed your advice in applying ourselves to Shausteh Caun about our troubles in Pattana, but he being turned out and wholly taken up about his own affaires, we could never meet a good oportunity for that or any other business we had depending at Decca, the Duan at Decca telling us at last, before the Nabob's Duan's face, that till we gett the King's phirmaund that we must pay y^e custome of 5 per cent. at y^e mint, though y^e new Nabob comeing so suddenly downe there is nothing done about that or our other maine question, whether we must pay custome in Bengall or not, onely Roy Nundelol, y^e Nabob's Duan, advises us that to y^e time the old Nabob set out off Decca, w^{ch} was in y^e beginning of last month, there was noe answer come from y^e Emperor about us. The eleven receipts for y^e 3,000 rups. piscash at Hugly we have not found yet. Pray advise us what time you sent them thence.

The coppies of your bookes for 1673-74 we have received and sent home; beames scales, and paper we shall bring up to Hugly with us and send you forward. We have not what to say to y^e Prince's servants taking y^e Hon^{ble} Company's Seal and y^e Dutches vermillion away by force, but are sorry they are suffered by him, such forces being absolutely destructive to trade.

A coppy of your bookes for last yeare, we have received and are glad you gott the goods and treasure from y^e Meirbars choubootra without opening; you doe not write about sending you up any more lead or other goods which we desire you to doe that you may be furnished from Hugly accordingly.

Wee are very glad you have gott y^e Duan's dustuck to trade there, that you may be giveing out on petre we conceive it may be good. Since Auzzum Caun, the new Nabob is come into his Government, being doubtless now in Decca, that we first see what may be done with him on presenting him; when if he can gett his phirmaund as of former Nabobs for our free trade we shall if it be thought fitt be able y^e more calmely to endeavour to gett all confirmed by y^e Nabob's phirmaund, but if he stopps all till that be gotten then shall we haveing nothing to doe till that be procured. God onely all for the best.

Wee judge that if the Dutch Commendore at Dilly have not done much ere Shausteh Cawn arrives there, that he will prevaile little against him afterwards, his interest being as great among those corrupt officers, &c., as his wealth. We are glad you received the bill for y^e 3,000 rups. paid yearly in Hugly, and hope it may prove effectuall to the end it were remitted you, for which doe pray send it in againe, as alsoe Shaw Shuza's Neshawn, for we shall want it to shew this new Nabob, together with Cawn Cawn and Shausteh Cawn's phirmaund when we desire his dustuck or phirmaund for our free trade. Amber, hafted knives, &c., rarities we shall bring up to Hugly and send to every ffactory, its share.

Wee are sorry ours of the 16th last month was soe long on its way from Cossumbazar to your residence. We heartily wish you have seen the new Nabob of whome we are glad to receive soe good a character, praying God he may make it good in his $gover^{nt}$, we know not how he may or will order things, but we find all places full of troubles having lately from Hugly bad advises that the new officers there (whome we hope this Nabob will change) threatens to stop all our business till get the King's phirmaund. What this may turne unto know not but hope we shall suddenly understand having three daies agoe dispatched Mr. Reade thither, and intending to follow ourselves in twelve or fourteen daies more. We hope the treasure is sold long ere now, and desire you from time to time to advise us what you shall have further occation for y^{e} inves^{t} enordered this yeare by y^{e} Hon^{ble} Company. We call not else to mind at present save cordiall wishes for your health and prosperity and conclude.

Your assured loveing friends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.
SAM^{LL} HERVY.

Ballasore, 4th January 1677-78.

MR. FYTCH NEDHAM, &c.

LOVEING FRIENDS,

We have now to answer yours of the 29th November and 4th and 14th ultimo, and are sorry thereby to understand that our hopes of a new phirmaund from y^{e} old Nabob are quite dashed. If you have been sensible that y^{e} whole business was onely a fflumme raised by your Vacquel you should have endeavoured to have discovered the truth, and when appeared so to, have severly checked the Vacquel for daring to impose on you in things of y^{e} nature not to doe soe againe in things of greater import. We admire y^{e} Emperor's answer to y^{e} Nabob's letter concerning us should not yett be arrived. Pray God it may be answer of peace. When it does come to send Vacqueel to attend Shausteh Caun in hopes of his phirwanna or anything else, now he is actually turned out we with you thinke it unnecessary, for if he could not favour our business ere he left Decca he cannot doe much less afterwards when he has left his place of command.

Tishangee, the King's Duan, haveing here shewed us soe much friendship should soe much insist on our paying 5 p. cent. custome at y^{e} mint when, at perusing the King's order in that case, we can find noe such thing there, but rather that none are to pay any custome, its not unlikely but that Roy Nundelal (who spoke in our favour to him) not being friends might make him threaten us in this affaire, but we hope to have a better result both of this and our maine concerne in Bengall from y^{e} new Nabob, who, according to all advices, long ere this must be arrived in Decca, whome you may (if not already done) visit with 7 or 9 mohurs and 15 rups., and make our excuse to him that we did not visit him at his passing by at Rajamale in that we were all gone downe, it being the exact time of y^{e} moonsoone, at which time onely the ships can goe away hence, and that we did not know y^{t} he would have come soe soone, other great Umbrahs not making soe much way in three months, as he has done in little more then a month; also you must add that we are comeing now up to Hugly whence shall send to present him and desire his favour to our business under his Government as y^{e} Prince Sha Sujah and other Umbrahs had done before him; if he demands a sight of our former perwanna you may shew him the attested coppy of that which was gott out before the troublesome business of y^{e} demand of custome fell upon us; all other papers as Sha Sujah's Neshawne, you may tell him are in y^{e} chief ffactory, and on his order shall be sent him. To all this you may add or diminish from it as you, in your own discretion or consideration of things there, shall find most convenient, though y^{e} less discourse be used about our trade, untill we can appeare with a present there, we suppose y^{e} better.

We take notice that Mathew Shepard had delivered y^{e} ffactory remaines to Mr. Fytch Nedham; alsoe that there are rups. 3,980 in cash; your diary for y^{e} month of November have received and sent forward with the rest to England. We observe that Nabob Shausteh Caun left Decca the 8th last month, and as before mentioned suppose Auzzum Caun, our new Nabob, was not long ere he arrived thither.

The *Bengall Merchant* sailed out of this roade y^{e} 25th ultimo and y^{e} *Cæzar* and *new London* y^{e} 29th ditto. God send them well about y^{e} Cape, being very glad however, it may please God we shall escape this yeare that yet those ships are gone though somewhat late, with what goods we had got ready for our Master's accot. this season, we much, feareing especially when their saltpetre was cast ashore at Meirdapore, that we should never have got ye goods off ye shoare, houerly on this change of Governmt. expecting news from your residence.

We are
Your loveing friends,
MATTS VINCENT.
EDWD BUGDEN.
SAMLL HERVY.

Ballasore, 4th January 1677-78.

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON, &ca.

RESPECTED FRIENDS,

Wee have received yours of ye 23rd and 27th November and of ye 14th ultimo. The 22 bales and ballet of raw silke and ye 220 chests of Taffaties, fine we received, ye saltpetre alsoe, all of it (blessed be God) came at last safe into Hugly the next morning after which Mr. Vincent departed from Hugly to Ballasore.

Wee are glad you have sold those four chests of (?) and returned 30,000 rups. of ye money to Hugly, ye receipt of which there alsoe. We have understood the invoice of your goods amt. 70,739-11¾ we have received; our hurry here at shipping them on board haveing but one man on board of ye Compas servants to looke after it has occasioned some mistakes wch hope to rectify at more leisure on our returne at Hugly;, we are sorry you could not comply with our quantity enordered of red and yellow ordinary Taffaties, and hope that though it was late ere you gave out money on them it was because you had wanted money sooner to give out money on them and not from any neglect of yours; what last (we heare) came downe to Hugly came too late, all whose markes must be altered about wch we shall agree and give you more particular directions from Hugly, finding that soe great diversity of markes we are generally made with, you give us much trouble, occationing great mistakes at shipping off and drawing our generall invoices here.

Wee have found the generall bookes in great confusion, soe that for want of time have been forced to send them home unballanced, but hope God giveing life and health to rectifie all accots therein, and to make eaven all differences between ye subordinate ffactories and Hugly, where shall alsoe draw out all invoices, wanting or imperfect, and send to ye severall places aforesaid; the shoomake and fine sope you write for (your letter) comeing in the heat of business, being on dispatch of ye first ship, we forgott to advice home about or ye barrell of sope proveing a cask of cuchaneall, but shall not omit it next yeare. However desire you what you shall want of this kind for ye future that you would advise in a paper apart signed by your Diers, which shall be in that nature sent home to ye Honble Compy. Seacole these ships were but scarcely provided with, allsoe that we could get none; it's possible had your advise come sooner about it, as we desire may next yeare, we might have prevailed with ye commanders to have parted with some on promise of receiving as much at ye ffort.

Your bookes of accots., &c., papers we have received and they are sent forward to ye Fort and England. As soone as we can meet at Hugly, which hope will be in twenty daies more, we shall compute our quick stock goods, &c., and enorder your full proportion, by which time alsoe shall have heard something from ye new Nabob at Decca, and be able to take some aime thence as to what may and may not be done this yeare in these parts; in ye meanetime since silke is forbidden to be sent to Guzarat, we believe that the picars, rather then sit still, will be induced to engage to deliver us in about 300 bales of raw silke by the end of February, we makeing some such engagement as this, *viz.*, to take it of them if according to muster, and that we will pay them their money in full within such a time (suppose a month or two) after the date of their contract, and in case we should not pay it them as agreed, that then from that time till paid to allow interest; some such way may be used we recommend to your discretion, being very willing to secure as considerable a parcell of this bund of silke (being the best of the whole yeare) as we can.

The weavers, we judge, you must put off and give them out as little money as possible you can, these times being very uncertaine, and you know if a stop should be laide on our business as we have much reason to feare, that there will a great part of that money in the weaver's hands (who are generally knaveish, and live onely from hand to mouth) may prove bad debts. After we have heard from this new Nabob at Decca we shall be able to give you further orders in y^{t} matter.

We had once hopes from Decca y^{t} Nabob Shausteh Caun would give a new perwanna, but it seemes it was but a flamom, for y^{e} Ray has since told us it could not be; and said noe longer agoe then y^{e} beginning of last month that y^{e} Emperor had written noe answer about our paying custome or not in these parts. If we can on presenting this Nabob get this phirwanna and penned as our last good one was, we shall then, since we have orders for it, find better leisure to attempt for a phirmaund from y^{e} Emperor; a little time more will shew us what we must trust unto.

We remaine,
Your assured loveing friends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.
SAM^{LL} HERVY.

The *Bengall Merchant* sailed hence y^{e} 25th ultimo, the *Cæzar* and *New London* y^{e} 29th ultimo. God send them all safe about y^{e} Cape to England.

Y$^{dem.}$
M. VINCENT.
E. B.
S. H.

Ballasore, 4th January 1677-78.

MR. EDWARD READE, &C.

RESPECTED FRIENDS,

Your severall generalls dated y^{e} 11th, 15th, 18th, 19th, and 26th of last month have received, but not answered untill now, being at more leasure at y^{e} Europe ships' departure.

The booke of charges generall for Hugly factory we received and sent home, as alsoe Decca diary which you handed to us. We wonder when you laded 800 baggs of y^{e} petre on the sloope *Arrivall* that you did lade noe more then 200 d^{to} on y^{e} sloope *Ganges*, who is full halfe the burden of the former, and ought to have had halfe as much as the other.

Wee approve of your paying off what standing out at interest on our Masters' acco^{ts} with you, and of y^{e} Rs. 30,000 newly arrived from Cossumbazar. At Mr. Reade's leaving the place whereby this time we hope he is againe arrived we note that you have received rups. 1,000 of Herridass on lead formerly sold him.

The Pattana generall and bookes accompanying we received and sent y^{e} latter forward; y^{e} bills of ladeing for y^{e} sloopes alsoe came at last, but find some mistakes which we hope shortly to rectify; the invoices of Romaulls and Mullmulls alsoe, received with two small boxes of musters of Cossumbazar Taffaties, after which what goods you have or shall receive from thence or any of y^{e} inland factories pray let be carefully housed; we hope in twenty daies to be up at Hugly with you. In y^{e} interim remain,

Your loveing friends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

EDM^{D} BUDGEN.

SAM^{LL} HERVY.

The bookes of acco^{ts} last year which Mr. Reade forgott behind him in y^{e} office here we have sent by this cossid now, being more sudden and safer then by sea, desiring him to be rectifying them what he can ere we come in order to ballanceing them, and beginning new ones, which are too much behind hand.

Y^{dem}

M. V.

E. B.

S. H.

Ballasore, 18th January 1677-78.

MR. RICHARD EDWARDS, &c.

ESTEEMED FRIENDS,

This yeare's acco^{ts}. with the towne merchants here being made up, and their last yeare's remaines (occasioned by leaving on their hands a considerable parcell of Saunaes) as ꝑ the severall bills leaveing with you, we order you to proceed in receiving of y^{e} said merchants nillees, ginghams, romaulls, and hummums at prizes *viz.*, nillees head of the 1st sort, 4 Rs. 2 As; nillees head at 2nd sort, 3 Rs. 8 As. ꝑ piece, Ginghams head 2 Rs. 12 As. ꝑ p^{s}; romaulls co-share head at 5 Rs. 12 As. ꝑ p^{s}; romaulls Radugur or Chandurcome at 4 Rs. 12 As. ꝑ p^{s}; and hummums head at 4 Rs. ꝑ p^{s}; the belly and foot to be prised according to their differing more or less from the head musters of nillees, ginghams, and hummums are left with you; the romaulls you may make a muster out off the parcell come in of each sort, and thereon proceed as on the other musters; there are alsoe a parcell of mullmulls, but they seeme very deare on which acco^{t}. we carry on piece of them to Hugly, where shall let a prize on them according to their goodness, and order you to take them if y^{e} merchants shall be willing to part with them at y^{e} rate you shall judge them worth; what shall after all remaine due from them you are to advise us and demand of them in ready money.

Wee leave you here and order you to act as chief of this factory till further orders from us or y^{e} Agent and Councell at ffort St. George; for your assistance in y^{e} warehouse we leave Mr. George Peacock; what remaineing there appeares in an acco^{t}. of particulers we herewith deliver you; and, for writeing coppies, &c., leave George Perrin; we allow, *viz.*, to Mr. Richard Edwards 24 Rs. ꝑ month, Mr. George Peacock 15 Rs. ꝑ month George Perrin 12 Rs. ꝑ month Mr. Smith, if remaines here, to have 20 Rs. ꝑ month diett, and if Mr. Hall should come downe he is to have 25 Rs. ꝑ month for his diett. Although we have here prescribed your allowance for diett, yet we would have you to diett together, or at least we order you that you all diett within y^{e} ffactory and not abroad at any house in towne. Mr. Edwards his accommodation is ordered, where it is, with the addition of the next roome; Mr. Smith may lodge where he lately did; Mr. Peacock in the fourth roome, Geo. Perrin in y^{e} third roome from y^{e} office; Mr. Hall, should he come downe, let be lodged in y^{e} first roome from y^{e} office; the next roome to y^{e} office let be kept alwaies empty for an entertaineing roome of Moores, Dutch, &c., strangers; the studdy and cellar at y^{e} end of the house let be kept empty for a writeing roome, an accommodation of the chief when he comes hither, the keyes of all the rest of y^{e} roomes and of the office let remaine in Auldwaids his custody. We earnestly recommend to your keeping good orders in y^{e} factory; and that there be publick prayers morning and evening; also let there be an exact diary kept, coppy bookes of letters sent and received, and invoice booke, besides your bookes of acco^{ts}. y^{e} charges generall, till this factory be setled, which expect this shipping at furthest will be done. We order you to keep the warehouse remaines as delivered you, receipt taken for them, the which you are to deliver to Mr. George, Peacock, takeing his receipt for said. What household stuff and stores we have thought fit to leave in this factory as delivered you, of which let an acco^{t}. be kept for servants in this factory, both within doores and without; as alsoe writers, Herrechurne, y^{e} house broker, and the Durbar servants, to provide, and their Mirda, chief peon, gwallers to stand in 6 Rs.℘ month, gwallies for y^{e} pallankeen, a cooke and scullian, a butler, and a cahar, a comprodore and Hollolcore, a chubdar, a tentman and gardiner. Mr. Edward is allowed for his servants 6 Rs. ℘ month as chiefe, Mr. Peacock 3 Rs. as warehouse keeper; and within the abovementioned allowances, we order you to keep a watchman or gurraees you may alsoe keep as usual. The new Nabob of Orixa is on his way and is expected in ten daies here whome you must visit and present according to what usuall as ℘ a paper of particulers left with you according to the last of which you are to procure another from the Nabob. We have left in cash with you 1,156 Rs. and in seven daies more Chimcham's sonn will pay you Rs. 2,000 more, which is y^{e} balance of his acco^{t} on lead sold him. We enorder you to be very frugall in your charges generall present, &c. What you shall find absolutely necessary to be presented to this Government you may present.

There are twelve bales of nillees *viz.*, 4 belly and 8 foot each qts. 20 p^{s}., which were prized by Mr. Bugden, but embaled too late, that they could not goe on these ships by which meanes they remaine behind. These you may take at rates as then prized which y^{e} broker will inform you off, and what will be still remaining due from y^{e} merchants receive in such goods and at those rates as above directed.

Chimcham's sonn owes on (?) received (he haveing paid you Rs. 1,156) rups. 2,000-4. Jurague Shaw on d^{o}. 2,067-4; and Bicara Shaw rup^{s}. 1,020-12. This they have all promised to pay in eight or ten daies at furthest, which pray accordingly demand and receive of them adviseing us thereof, that we may take order concerning the disposeall of what cash is more at present necessary for their factories' occations. We call not else to mind but to wish you good success and remain

Your very loveing friends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

EDM^{D} BUGDEN.

SAM^{LL} HERVY.

Hugly, 31st January 1677-78.

MR. RICHARD EDWARDS, &C.

RESPECTED FRIENDS,

The 26th in y^{e} night Mr. Matt^{s} Vincent arrived hither two daies agoe. A Mogul sent hither by Sultaun Auzzum came to y^{e} factory to treat about brass gunns, and desired us to write to Ballasore to see if we could procure some there from ½ to 2 pounders, concerning which we have inclosed writt to Chimcham to enquire for, as we alsoe enorder you to doe, and to agree on a price and send them up on y^{e} first sloope bound thence hither, but we limit both you and Chimcham's enquiry to two daies when if not to be got then both he and you write us answer accordingly.

The merchants' broad-cloth shall come downe as soone as our acco^{t}. of y^{e} warehouse is settled here, and if they have a mind to buy any goods as broadcloth, copper, tin, red-lead, white lead, vermillion, quicksilver, &c., let them signify the quantity they will take of each, and it shall be sent downe; but we would willingly they should take of all sorts a proportion, lead and all that, soe we may send of what possible ere y^{e} next shipping arrives.

The piece of mullmulls belonging to Balasore merchants is not yet looked on to be rated. It shall be done and sent you ℘ the next, that soe you may be receiving said sorts of goods of them, if they prove content with y^{e} price on acco^{t}. their remaine. Calling nothing else to mind at present we rest

Your loveing friends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.
SAM^{LL} HERVY.

Hugly, 1st February 1677-78.

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON.

RESPECTED FRIEND,

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 4th last month. Yours of y^{e} 3rd and 15th d^{o}. month have received y^{e} former wth y^{e} five chests ord^{d}. Taffaties and two tales of raw taff^{a}. which we are sorry came soe late, for their am^{t}. shall give your factory credit rup. 7,808 according to your invoice received.

We note y^{e} manner of y^{e} new Nabob of Orixa passing by Muxadavad. He drew nigh Ballasore ere we left that place (being the 18th ultimo), and we suppose our new Nabob of Bengal has now been for some daies in Decca, though we do not understand that he mett with the old Nabob, such persons seldome desireing to see one y^{e} other in the circumstances they are now in. We heare the difference between him and Boolchund is long since accomodated. On these five boates in charge of Anthony Smith your dier and five peons we have sent one bale cont^{t}. 6 p^{s}. scarlet (haveing no fine green) and some toyes for presents. The scarlet if it be more then you shall have occasion for, part of it may hereafter goe for Pattana. There alsoe comes ten chests of all am^{t}. as of invoice unto Rs. 86,723-2-4 for which you are to give this factory credit. The warehouse of this factory is now delivering over to Mr. Bugden, which done we shall dispeed what is your proportion of goods as alsoe to Pattana, &c. We would advise you for reasons given in our last to be spareing in giving out money till shall understand how this Nabob will deal with us, our next worke now being to fit up a present for him, and to dispeed Mr. Hervy to Decca to him, and we intend to advise Mr. Charnock, &c., that they send up an able Vaqueel with Nabob Shausteh Caun to Court by whose means we hope to procure a phirmaund to confirm our priviledges in these parts. We call not else to mind at present save that we are

Your very loveing friends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.
SAM^{LL} HERVY.

Hugly, 9th February 1677-78.

MR. JOB CHARNOCK.

LOVEING FRIEND, &c.,

We are here given to understand y^{t} Nabob Shausteh Caun is advanced in his way to Hindoostan as far as Mungeer soe that he will nigh as soone as these be with you in Pattana. We hope long ere this you may have gotten ready an able Vacqueel to be sent to court, and we judge if he goe with this Nabob up and by some small yet handsome present make himselfe by means of it and Roy Nundelol knowne to y^{e} Nabob as also y^{e} reason of his proceeding desireing his favour and assistance, that it will not be difficult to procure the King's phirmaund, this being the greatest and most powerfull Umbraw in y^{e} whole empire, and on acco^{t}. of our last present made to him something obliged to favour us in y^s particular; to this day we doe not heare that any answer has come from y^e King about our paying custome in these parts, soe hope to heare noe more of it from aloft; 'tis reported for certaine that this Nabob goes up to be Vizier to this King, which if so, we can apply ourselves to none but him, who best knowing us and our present circumstances and being so neer y^e King, can best answer our desires; we shall be getting things ready for a present to send to you, but we feare till get this new Nabob's perwana nothing will pass to you by Rajamaul; in such case, this thing must be effected with money, which we leave, recommending it to your prudent manage to be done with all imaginable frugallity; in two daies more Mr. Hervy is setting forward with a present to Decca for our new Nabob, to whome we wish good success; the Prince's Neshawne sent you hence by Mr. Reade we wrote for long since, but have not received it. Pray, if not already done, send it away immediately with all phirwannas, receipts, and Persian papers sent you hence on from Ballasore, for we shall now want them all. We have not else to add save that we are

Your very loveing friends,

MATT^S VINCENT.
EDW^D READE.
EDM^D BUGDEN.
SAM^{LL} HERVY.

Hugly, 11th February 1677-78.

MR. SAM^{LL} HERVY.

SIR,

All things being now got in readiness which we thought convenient for a present to this new Nabob of Bengall, Auzzum Caun, as alsoe severall goods being shipped off with y^e present for sales at Decca, all amounting as ꝑ invoice delivered you to 36,532 Rs. 4 As. 2 Ps., the gold alsoe being included; we desire you alsoe to proceed therewith, and on your first arrivall thither to acquaint yourselfe with y^e best time and way of makeing the present for our Masters' best advantage, according to which you may draw up two Persian letters in the Chief's name, the one to y^e Nabob, y^e other to his Divan, or Cheif Minister insisting a modest excuse of our soe long delay by reason of our distance at y^e Bundur, whence, after dispatching of our shipping we could noe sooner arrive hither, &c., as you shall find most proper and requisite on y^e place.

The gold, as alsoe y^e goods for saile, we order you to put off and sell as soone as you can, and from time to time to give us advice thereof, that as soone as the Nabob's perwanna is procured, we may give you orders how to dispose of your cash, and to supply you further hence what we can in relation to y^e enordered Investment in Decca factory.

The present for the Nabob we think fit to be thus, *viz.*:—

Fine scarlet	2 ps.
Coarse scarlet	9 p.
Ffine green cloth	1 „
Violet colour cloth	1 „
Sky-coloured cloth	1 „
Broadcloth, ord^a red	13 ps.
Ditto green	7 „
Lookeing glasses of 40½ inche pare	2 „
Ditto in frame, of 29 „ „	1 p.

An English clock.
An Arabian horse.

One paire of silk Persan Carpetts of 11 covets long and 4 d^o broade.

One paire of rich embroydered silk Persian Carpetts of 6 covets long and three covets broad.

Crimson Velvet	10 yds.
Green do.	10 „

Silver and Gold lace, and severall rarities, you may give according to your discretion, of which, and of the rest of y^{e} peices, you are to send us an $acco^{t}$. as soone as perfected.

The present for y^{e} Nabob's Duan or Cheif Minister thus, *viz.* :—

Fine scarlet . . .	1 p.
Broadcloth, ord^{a}. red . .	3 „
Do. Green . .	2 „
Lookeing glasses, of 28 inches .	1 „

About twenty or twenty-five yards of y^{e} silver and gold lace and cloth toies, &c., to him and the severall under-officers as you shall find a necessity to present, of all which as aforesaid you are to give us speedy and punctuall advise. The Arabian horse, being at present somewhat out of case by reason of travaill from Ballasore, and long and hard voyage on boardship, we shall detaine here about twenty daies longer, and then send him forward; however you may put him into y^{e} noate of particulars you present the Nabob with, and give this reason why he came not along with you; when you present the horse you must agree to pay y^{e} officer that presents him to y^{e} Nabob something that he may not (as it is generall if such persons are not prepared) be discommended and disestemed by the Nabob.

We herewith deliver you coppy of y^{e} Prince, Sha Sujah's Neshaun, Nabob Caun Caunna's perwanna, as alsoe Nabob Daud Caun's with Nabob Shausteh Caun's procured in y^{e} yeare 1669, but there is a better procured in y^{e} yeare 1672, whose originall we cannot find, supposing (as you must answer at Decca) that the originall of that and the Prince's Neshaun and of Shausteh Caun's perwanna are sent to Pattana to y^{e} present Prince there, from whence if y^{e} Nabob urges it we will procure them, but if you find that by these coppies of the Prince's Neshaun, granted in 1672, our business may be done, you need shew noe other, they being all more strictly written; in y^{e} drawing out of our new perwanna (which we hope you will gett) by a summe of money of 2 or 3 or 400 Rs. in which we enjoyne you to be frugall yet not soe as to staree the business, in case you find it feasable to y^{e} officers that pens y^{e} perwanna, if you can gett those words according to the King's phirmaund changed into these words according to the English use and custome in Bengall it will be of great importance tot the preservation as well as continuance of our Masters' priviledges in these countries, especially if we should be soe unhappy (which God forbid) as not to be able to procure this King's phirmaund for their conformation.

Wee order you to send us weekly advices from Decca and oftener if occasions require it, and monthly your diary and $acco^{t}$. of cash apart, alsoe we order you to keep good orders in Decca factory, as prayer morning and evening, &c., as specified in y^{e} Honble $Comp^{'s}$. standing directions. Wee call nothing else to mind at present, but to wish you good success and a good voyage to Decca, whither we would have you to proceed with all convenient expedition, and subscribe

Your loveing friends,
$MATT^{S}$ VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.

In all the promises you are to proceed with y^{e} advice and concurrence of Mr. Fytch Nedham, he being of Councell with you in Decca. All Persian letters you write in y^{e} Chief's name pray send us true coppies off.

Y^{dem}
M. V.
E. R.
E. B.

Hugly, 13th February 1677-78.

MR. JOB CHARNOCK.

RESPECTED FRIEND, &c.,

Our last to you was dated ye 9th currant, to wch refer you. The 11th at night (the same day Mr. Hervy parted hence with a present to Decca) came a phirwanna from ye new Nabob importing that whereas there had lately come a phirmaund from the King to Shausteh Caun, ye old Nabob, enordering him to receive 2% cent of ye English, he now gave order to his Amin here to take said custome of us here, and write the same to Ballasore, so that till we can get his perwanna, which we much doubt off, our business is wholy stoped in the place. It does now therefore much concerne us to endeavour to procure a new phirmaund to doe which we doe suppose the way we propounded to you in our last of ye 9th present may be very good, not questioning but you have a good Vacqueel ready in order thereunto, or if you shall find any better meanes we leave it to your prudence, enjoyning you to leave noe good meanes untied whereby a phirmaund may be gott and our Masters' priviledges here retrieved, without which you as well as we are very sensible there will be noe trading in these parts.

We remaine
Your very loveing friends,
MATTS VINCENT.
EDWD READE.
EDMD BUGDEN.

Hugly, 13th February 1677-78

MR. RICHARD EDWARDS.

LOVEING FRIEND, &c.,

In ours of the 31st last month we promised to look upon the price of mullmulls belonging to Ballasore merchants and prize it, wch accordingly we have done and returned it you, being rated by us at rups. 5 12 as. ℘ pe. to rups. 6, rather then faile, according to which you may receive of ye merchants makeing allowance for what is better or worse yn this muster. What shall be wanting to ballance their remaines, you may if they be content receive in this sortment. Last night arrived a perwanna from this new Nabob on the Amin here, and the like is gone forward to your Amin there, ordering till his perwanna comes to ye contrary that we pay 2 ℘ cent. custome according to the King's late phirmaund to Shausteh Caun. Mr. Hervy is gone thence wth y present ye 11th currtt., and we wish him success in what he is gone about. We we call not else to mind save that we rest

Your loveing friends,
MATTS VINCENT.
EDWD READE.
EDMD BUGDEN.

Hugly, 16th February 1677-78.

MR. JOB CHARNOCK.

RESPECTED FRIEND, &c.,

Our last to you was of ye 9th and 13th *instant*. We have now before us yours of ye 24th Decr. and 31st ultimo. Good sword blades are not here procureable, for since ordinary ones are such a drug noe man on our ships brings any at all. All sorts of things for presents, as alsoe paper and a beame and scales we were on fitting, as alsoe proportioning your factory share of our Masters' goods, but are put by all by this new embarque from y^e^ Nabob, which yet we hope his perwanna will take off suddenly, and then shall be sending all forwards. Beames and Scales there is none here nor at Ballasore that are worth anything. Six of the eleven receipts you mention to have sent to Mr. Clavell at Ballasore we have found, but as yet cannot light on the remainder, nor some other Persian papers we now shall want. We are glad to heare that you doe not meet with any more stops in y^e petre trade. We hope by y^e sale of the lead, broadcloth, &c., with you that you will be indifferently supplyed to continue that investment, yet least you may want for that and the Vacqueel's occasions at Court, we have enordered our friends at Cossumbazar to remit you Rs. 20,000 by exchangeings wh^{ch} we question not, but they will accordingly performe the business of y^e King's phirmaund. We earnestly recommend unto you haveing bin pressed unto it afresh by a gen^{ll}. received from y^e Agency, dated y^e 11th December received here two daies agoe, the which importing little, we have not sent you coppy off, the invoice of rarities carried hence by Mr. Charnock last yeare comes inclosed amo^t. to rups. 122-8 as. for which credit this factory. From Cossumbazar we have ordered them to send you an invoice of y^e broadcloth sent up w^{th} the bullion in August last, it being charged hence to that factory, and from thence to you, and you must accordingly credit Cossumbazar factory for it, and the bullion received, and whatever comes thence to your factory. 'Tis strange newes you write of the Prince's removeall and Mahmood Amy Caun's comeing to Bengall. Time is the best expositer of those things, to which we leave it, and remaine

Your assured loveing friends,

MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ READE.
EDM^D^ BUGDEN.

Hugly 16th February 1677-78.

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON, &CA.

RESPECTED FRIENDS,

Our last to you was dated y^e 7th $curr^t$. We have now to answer yours of y^e 16th January w^{ch} came to hand from Ballasore, and of the 7th and 13th instant. The orders for markeing your goods comes inclosed which we order you to follow. What goods lies here shall begin to be marked $\frac{\text{C}}{\text{I}}$ according to this way w^{ch} done shall alter their markes in their invoices received, and advise you that you may alsoe rectifie them there, and follow with said markes as directed in what goods you shall this yeare send us downe, the figure and number upon the severall sorts of goods (chests or bales) proceeds from one to as many as your severall quantities of each shall produce. If you find any great inconveniency in this way of marking advise us that we may alter it, this being done to avoid mistakes in shipping off goods for England.

Mr. Hervy left this place the 11th currant wth a present to y^e new Nabob. We wish him all success. The boates stopped anywhere in these parts must we feare ly still untill we can procure this Nabob's perwanna for free trade, for all our business is embarqued here by order of the said Nabob, received by the new Governour of this place y^e 12th currant. Uuntil we shall shew the King's phirmaund or his perwanna to y^e contrary, or pay 2 ꝑ cent. custome according to the late phirmaund from y^e King on Shausteh Caun the old Nabob, there can be noe such writing as you mention be given to cleare any boates whatsoever. Y^e coppy of y^e perwanna procured in 1672 have sent you to shew unto your Governour. We conceive Shausteh Caun does not proceed soe fast to Hindoostan, but that our Vacqueel may overtake him from Pattana ere he reaches Dilly, and we have given order to Pattana much of the same nature as you propound by meanes of Shausteh Caun.

Wee approve of your agreeing for y^e raw silke and have returned your muster w^{ch} are all of them excellent silkes. Y^e second sort is very good, of w^{ch} you may buy what you have occation for, there being enough of that sort to be had.

Wee are glad the treasure, &c., arrived with you in safety. More goods we shall not, as above noted, be able to send you any untill we obtaine this Nabob's perwanna, soe desire you to endeavour y^e sale of what you have by you. Copper plates are alwaies accounted worse by rups. 2 in a maund y^n Jappan copper. Pray sell y^e plates for y^e best price you can get. We admire the barrell of tin proves so unrequestable with you. It was formerly a great commodity and chosen before any other sort in that place. We have sent some to Decca and if on receiving the Nabob's perwanna we find it vends there shall order it thither.

Wee suppose ere this you have disposed off y^e ten chests treasure lately sent up to you, and doe order you as soon as possible to remit rups. 20,000 by bill exchange to Pattana for supply of that factory, both as to stock and for procuring the King's phirmaund. If y^e——should not be sold, we question not but you may immediately procure bills for y^e said summe on your delivering its amo^t. to y^e merchants in Rs. 8-8.

Two or three daies agone there went up 67 small timbers for (Coon) cost at Ballasore 16 Rs. 12 As. their charges hence 21 Rs. 2 As. Their charges from Ballasore hither is included in what sent you y^e 9th currant hence, soe that fifty great timbers and 130 small ditto amo^t. with charges to 242 Rs. 10 As. for which pray give this factory creditt.

The broadcloth that was sent up to Pattana (together wth y^e treasure on y^e 29th August last) was not invoiced. Pray draw out an invoice of it at 13 l. 10 s. ℘ cloth entring it soe in your own books, and at Pattana they may do y^e same, soe that blanks may be filled in each, and if any error be we shall rectifie it as soon as can come to find it out, intending to make it one of our greatest businesses to doe what we can to y^e reconciling all differences in acco^{ts} in all y^e factories of Bengall. We call not else to mind at present.

Remaine
Your very loving friends,

MATT^S VINCENT.

EDW^D READE.

EDM^D BUGDEN.

Hugly y^e 1st February 1677-78.

MR. SAM^{LL} HERVY, &c.

Wee with these may take you safely arrived in Decca and serve onely for advice that y^e old Congoe Ramgibbon Ray's son, Narraine Ray, goes this day by order of Auzzum Caun to Decca and carries with him this port's records. For twenty or thirty yeares past he was with us and desired us to write to you to show him what civility shall ly in our way. We have obliged him in case you shall find any good may be done thereby to tell y^e Nabob, if asked, what our Masters' priviledges have been in these parts ever since we have traded hither, and you, as you s^{e}e occation, may put him upon it by James Price, or how you shall thinke fitting, alsoe, you may, if you find it may be useful, tell y^e Nabob the reason of our coming to this sickly countrey as being invited from our port of Amongon about 45 yeares agoe to protect y^e port of Ballasore against y^e Deanes who them robbed all ships there, and that we came on condition of having the same priviledges as had and have at Metchlep^m that is, custome free, &c. that he may order his Amin in Ballasore to enquire of y^e Zemadars, Ancient Merchants, &c., inhabitants of Ballasore, the truth of this, &c. of this nature as you may find requisite, and with all you may note that we came into Bengall before y^e Dutch did, and therefore had more favour shown us which continued under y^e Prince Sha Shujah, Chan Chaun, Daud Caun, Shausteh Caun, and hope will not be discontinued by him. We have bin all stopped ever since the 12th currant, and soe are like to continue till a phirwanna be procured from this Nabob, which pray hasten what you can.

Wee have written to Mr. Charnock three times earnestly pressing him to try all things possible to procure this King's phirwanna, and propounded to him the sending a Vacquel who should principally apply himselfe Shausteh Caun by y^e Ray, by whose means we hope to obtain our ends, and we have hinted in our ꝑticular that if a downright bargaine can be driven with y^e Ray, on delivery of an authentick phirmaund to pay him a certain summe for his and his Master's use; that it be done out of hand in y^e letter to James Price, there is copy of Auzzum Caun's son's ꝑwanna for Orixa, w^{ch}, if see requisite, you may likewise produce. We expect to hear from you as soon as you shall ꝑcieve how affaires with you are like to goe.

We remain
Your loving friends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.

Hugly, 13th March 1677-78.

MR. JOB CHARNOCK, &c.

LOVING FRIENDS.

Our last to you was dated y^e 16th ultimo, since which we have received yours of y^e 24th February, wherein note what time Shaushteh Caun arrived into Pattana and departed thence towards Dilly, and wish a Vaqueel had been ready to have proceeded with his luskur in reference to our present designe of procureing the Emperor's ꝑmaund. About which we admire you should thinke we are noe more in earnest but that if we find rubbs in its procury we would give off. The Hon^{ble} Company and Agent and Councell's orders are possitive in it, and in reference to them ours have been soe to you, and coppies of their letters in said concerne have been duly transmitted you, whereupon we hoped noe doubt as you seeme to entertaine could have insued, but since you doe scruple we hereby assure you that our resolutions are firme to endeavour to our utmost to procure a ꝑmaund, and we order you vigorously to proceed in it accordingly. All y^e favour we can hope from this is to let us enjoy our priviledges as formerly till he write to y^e Emperor and have his answer about us, w^{ch} what it may prove except we endeavour to make it sure ourselves we are much doubtfull in, wherefore account it it y^e securest way to begin (now there are sufficient orders) at y^e root and lay such a foundation as, God willing, may not suddenly be shaken or discomposed; we are getting things ready for presents as you desire, and if they be not stopped at Rajamaul we shall get them we hope (notwithstanding all our trade is at ꝑ sent embarqued in this port) free out of this place. However, we would not have you delay sending the Vacquel to Court that he may be there to strike while y^e iron is hott. Shausteh Caun being likely to be in most favour at his first coming and thereby best able to bring our business to pass; he is an old man alsoe, and may dye, &c. Our ships alsoe may be expected in July, and it is absolutely necessary that this business be cleared if possible by that time one way or others. This thing being of soe great weight (as in yours you will observe) we are y^e more earnest in it that no time be lost, what things we send for presents may be transmitted up after the Vacquel to Dilly. We have noe certaine notice what the Dutch have done at Dilly, but there is a report there that they have gott a hushbull hookum from y^e King to call M. Cassum (who now is in great disgrace at Decca) to acco^t for making them soe unjustly pay so great a summe of money on y^e death of their broker's wife; and their Vacquel is gone to Decca as 'tis said by some about that; but we are rather inclined to believe that 'tis only about 36,000 rups which was their broker's debt to y^e said Governor for rents of townes by him held w^{ch} Directore Ra^{n}st paid on Mellick Cossums keeping y^e Dutch second prisoner at his house, which now is alleaged to be a force used on them contrary to their priviledges.

Wee are of opinion that Shausteh Caun may have y^e name and honour of the Visier at least at his first coming to Court, though another for soe long a time as y^e King sees good may be subsitude to undergoe the trouble as you mention. We wish by his, or any other good means, we had a phirwanna w^{ch}, notwithstanding the present unsettled ones of this Court, would fix our Masters' affaires; and should this King dye ever so soone after. it would be noe great expence on sight of his ꝑmaund to get one of y^{e} same tenour of his successor.

Sha Shujah's Neshawn and y^{e} receipt of rup^{s}. 3,000 paid in Hugly we have received, and are now sending the former to Decca, whence, as soone as they have done with it, and we can have it, shall returne it you againe if you shall find a want of it, which pray advise us, though we are of opinion that one better worded might be drawn out, ꝑticularly where there is mentioned according to the King's phirmaund it might be altered and made according to y^{e} English use and custome in these parts. This wee recommend to you, ordering, if it may be done, that you would get it effected.

The newes of Bahadour Caun and Buctaur Caun's is strange; this King if lives much longer will see the graves of all his old Umbraws and of his sonn's too, if they have not a care; by Sultaun Mozzum feare to appeare before his father in Dilly, may be seen that y^{e} old man keeps still y^{e} reines in his own hands.

Wee are glad you have got back your mochelkie againe, and hope in due time you will alsoe receive back y^{e} deposited money; and when this is backed with y^{e} King's phirmaund which God graunt, our Masters' business will be better settled in his country then ever, your care and endeavours about which we do not question.

A beame we have sent you as alsoe paper and quills wth y^{e} severalls for presents ꝑ two doolies. The Surrat bookes coppy comes by this cossid, we disire you to get them coppied againe and returne us these having noe other in this factory; and want assistance to get them coppied over, else you had received them sooner. The invoice of y^{e} Broadcloth is ordered you from Cossumbazar or whence it came to you, that of y^{e} toyes is sent, sword blades we have none good here; such as we can procure shall come to you, a paire of rich horse pistolls, with foure charges each, have sent you; if you have occation for a paire of ordinary ones, we can also furnish you; what other rarities we have in y^{e} factory we have sent you some of each; there came but foure beames out of England y^{e} yeare, one whereof is at Cossumbazar, another at Decca, the third is sent as above said to you, and the last is kept here, it being exceedingly wanted. As soone as receive any more, we shall not faile to send them, in the meanetime for draughts of two m^{ds} some shift may be made, what this beame cannot possibly effect some other way.

Wee had almost forgot to put you in mind that if a phirmaund may be procured by driveing a downright bargaine wth Shausteh Caun, or any other powerfull Umbraw aloft, it would be a very good way, and there would be no more trouble but to receive y^{e} paper and pay according to contract.

The invoice of petre you sent down this yeare, as alsoe your diary and acco^{t} of cash monthly, we have not received, but shall expect. We call not else at present, but to wish you good success in y^{e} promises and to subscribe

Your very loving friends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.

Hugly, 16th March 1678.

MR. SAMUELL HERVY.

SIR,

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 6th currant wth y^{e} Arab horse which we hope will arrive in due time wth you. Ere that went we had received a generall from Mr. Nedham, &c., of y^{e} 24th of last month w^{ch} we then delayed to answer till should have an oportunity which by receipt of yours of y^{e} 6th currant we attained.

We admire y^e order for our stop here arriving y^e 11th last month at night (the news of it three or four daies before) that at Decca you should not heare of it till y^e 23rd following. This is a great fault in your Vacqueel which you much endeavour by all means to get mended, we being to take our aimes from your timely advices in all things relating to us from that Durbar.

It much troubles us to find your bad reception by the Nabob and that he should so forceably take y^e present sent him without cleareing y^e goods or so much as seeing you. We hope by your seasonable application to Hodgee Zoffee Caun you may yet come to better termes, what letters to be written to him, or y^e Nabob, or any emergent occation which will not so well brooke delay you have sufficient orders in the paper of instructions which Mr. Hervy carried hence.

We approve of those three propositions you intend to make to y^e Nabob as to y^e matter of customes, but order you never to yeild to the last until you certainly see that neither the first nor second can be made feisable.

We have written effectually to Mr. Charnock to endeavour to procure a phirmaund for our trade in these parts, custome free if possible, and are sending severalls for presents by dooly to Pattana if can by any means get them cleare of this port where all our business is stopped, and what ever comes in we open (but within our owne walls) ere we can house it.

The Prince's Neshaun we have sent you least you may want it. Pray return it as soon as you have done with it, which pray finish as soone as you can, as they shall have occation for it at Pattana where they desire have it sent to them again, in relation to our Masters' business there.

The phirmaund, which God graunt, be given us custome free then there will be noe occation for mentioning anything further, but if to pay custome it will questionless run as our Surrat ꝑmaund where repay all at Surratt and not within land, but we shall write to Pattana that the Vaquel thence be instructed in this particular also.

The 13th currant the *Lilly* arrived hither wth a generall from the ffort whence y^e English ships were dispatched y^e 27th and 28th January in very good time. God send them well home.

Wee call not else to mind but earnestly to press you to use your utmost endeavours for procury of y^e Nabob's ꝑwanna till a ꝑ maund can be gotten by which means we may be able to trade, all lying now stopped, and we not esteeming it safe to give it out to merchant, or we aver till see how this affaire will be determined. We salute you kindly and rest

Your loving friends,
MATT^S VINCENT.
EDW^D READE.
EDM^D BUGDEN.

P.S.—You must be sure if y^e ꝑwanna you gett of this Nabob according to either the second or third proposition you advise us, that you intend to make to him, concerning wh^{ch} we enjoyne you to follow our forgoeing order that you gett therein very plainly expressed that the Government at y^e Bundur takes our own entries as he does of the Dutch both for goods imported and exported, and that without opening, weighing, or tolling our goods he be ordered to make up his acco^t, else it will be next an impossibility for us to dispatch any business, the crossness of a Governor, if not piscashed to his mind, being at all times, but especally at y^e time of y^e monsoone, able to hinder and delay us soe long as may quite overthrow our trade and occasion our ships to goe hence empty, redress of such complaints coming very slowly and lamely too. Many inconveniences will accrew if y^e priviledges at y^e worst cannot be attained, and therefore must be contented for accordingly; alsoe you must get incerted that we are to give a talika or entry of our goods or deposite money ullull? hesob? for them in reference to custome in noe place but onely y^e Bundur, else we shall meet with troubles in all inland factories and places where we either buy or sell.

Y^{dem}

MATT^S VINCENT.
EDW^D READE.
EDM^D BUGDEN.

Hugly, 28th March 1678.

MR. JOB CHARNOCK.

LOVING FRIEND, &c.

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 13th currant since which day we have severall times endeavoured to gett sev^{lls} for present out of this place to you but have proved unsuccessfull, nor could prevaile with our Governor here to lett anything pass unless would open all and let a broker make price that soe y^{e} acc^{t}. of custome might be made up y^{e} w^{ch} we thought not convenient to agree to and soe y^{e} lev^{tts}. ly stopped in this place.

Enclosed have sent you two letters lately received from Decca whereby you will ꝑceive in what a bad posture our Masters' priviledges are there, and if remedy be not suddenly sought and applyed, like to spread thence all over these parts, and therefore we againe in y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp$^{a's}$ name press and strictly enorder you to endeavour the procury of a phirmaund with all y^{e} expedition y^{e} nature of y^{e} affaire will beare. Y^{e} Vacqueel we hope is long since gone to Dilly that he may be there as soone as Shausteh Caun. We desire your orders to him may be plaine and possitive, by which we hope in due time a phirmaund may be gott from the King, which is y^{e} onely remedy now left us for our present troubles. As soon as we can gett our things for presents cleare we shall send them to you. In y^{e} meane time you must make as good shifts as you can. Haveing not else to add we remaine.

Your loveing friends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.

Hugly, 28th March 1678.

MR. SAMUELL HERVY, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 16th currant, wherein answered yours of y^{e} 6th currant and gave what orders then found necessary in y^{e} ꝑsent exigency of our Masters' affaires with you: have now received yours of y^{e} 16th.

Wee have pressed Mr. Charnock very much earnestly to endeavour the procury of y^{e} King's phirmaund without which we have told him that our Masters' priviledges in these parts will never be settled, and we this day intend to write to him againe to y^{e} same effect, and to send him copies of your last and this generall that he may judge in what predicament we stand, and endeavour a remedy accordingly. Money we have remitted and things for presents we have prepared, but we cannot get them cleare of this place nor unlade our sloopes, the goods being kept there on the Governor's here demanding custome of all according to his masters phirwanna sent him, which arrived here y^{e} 12th of last month. Till we can shew another ꝑwanna to y^{e} contrary, which we had hopes we might had done, or had an answer by this time, but since notwithstanding all your endeavours you could not prevaile for one, we must acquiece till you can gett a ꝑwanna or we a phirmaund from y^{e} King, the which we have pressed Mr. Charnock, &c., to gett. Effected soe we cannot but earnestly recommend to you to try all good waies to gett a new phirwanna of this Nabob, that our Masters' business may not lie imbarqued as now it does, and you be sure to take care in y^{e} pening of it that our engagement to pay custome (in case we cannot procure the King's ꝑmaund for our former priviledges) be restrained to Hugly and Ballasore, or if you can to Hugly only, else we shall be certainely troubled in all inland places whence we fetch our goods, and there will be continuall stopps on boates passing with goods between factory and factory.

As soon as y^{e} hurry of your trouble shall be over, we expect coppies of all papers you give to officers in Govern^{mt}, the which the more you can decline with any convenience the better though what y^{e} necessity of the Hon^{ble} Companies affaires drive you into, we approve off, and among them the paper you gave about the custome as such. You did very well in not letting the boates be emptied and goods opened and weighed, &c., for when our own entries will not pass for what goods we import or export (specially if we come to pay custome) we shall never be able to drive a trade in those countries.

Wee are very sorry for the difference arisen between y^{e} Nabob and the King's Duan, whereby as you hint our broadcloth lies still at the custome house, the Nabob having turned out all y^{e} King's Duan's officers there and placed of his own, soe that you have new ones to deall withall. We feare alsoe this will cause a delay in y^{e} procure of the Nabob's phirwanna which is of bad consequence to our Masters' trade which lies stopped till that be attained. Concerning the present appointed for the Nabob's Duan, we leave it to you to dispose off, soe as may be most for our Masters' advantage yet caution you to see that you doe not absolutely disoblige him neither, except it will be noe harme to our Masters' affaires there.

If you find a necessity for the reasons you mention to build a small bungalah at Kidderpore there to waite on y^{e} Nabob and lie at night in, the journey being to great to goe and come in one day, we give you licence to doe it but with all frugallity that can be.

Wee wish you had framed and sent a letter sooner to the Nabob as if it had come with the present it could we suppose have done noe hurt notwithstanding the Nabob's rapatious way of seizing on y^{e} present itselfe. We wish the letter you intended since may produce y^{e} wished effects, if nothing be to be done with y^{e} Nabob, or if he doe prove favorable, in both cases you must keep in with y^{e} King's Duan whose writeing to y^{e} King may doe us good or harme as he is inclined, and possibly may helpe to bring our business about that way. We must leave it to your cautious and prudentiall management soe to act in all exigencies of our Masters' present business as may be most according to your best judgements for its well proceeding of w^{ch} shall not want approveall from us.

Rammissur Ray, the Cangoe of this port, is summoned with all the Zemindars of these parts to Decca, and accordingly proceeded hence thitherward. Some daies agone he was with us a little before he went and desired (though he is a man needs noe money) if he should have occasion that we would write to you to let him have some there which we order you accordingly to let him have not exceeding but as much under as you can y^{e} summe of rup^{s}. 1,000 and that you shew him civility. The summe you lend him pray take a bill of exchange for charged on his brother Bassadeelle Ray here, and payable at five or ten daies sight which if he insists on may be a month. You may tell him we will stay soe long after accepted ere demand it but desire it may run for noe longer time then ten daies as aforesaid. We call not else to mind save that we are

Your loveing friends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

EDW^{D} READE.

EDM^{D} BUGDEN.

Hugly, *March 1678.*

MR. JOB CHARNOCK, &CA.

RESPECTED FRIENDS,

Accordingly to our last of y^{e} 13th currant we have sent you forward two doolies with fine cloth rarities, &c., amo^{t}. as ꝑ invoice inclosed to rup^{s}. 1,603-5-3 for w^{ch} pray give this factory accompt currant creditt. They had come sooner but were hindered by our Governor, our whole trade lying under a stop, and little or nothing to be hoped for from Decca, the Nabob there haveing forced our piscash out of our boats ere handed, therefore hope on receipt of our last you immediately dispeeded the Vaqueel to Dilly, and that these ꝑticulers will follow him time enough. Nothing but a phirmannd can now, for ought we see, secure our Masters' priviledges of this we shall write you more freely when we heare againe from Decca. In the interim desire and order you not to be slack in endeavouring y^{e} procury of a phirmaund, both we and you having had plaine and sufficient order about it.

We remaine
Your loveing friends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.
EDW^{D} LITTLETON.

P.S.—Aprill 1st. This was ready long since to have with the doolies of rarities, &c., but till this day could not get them cleare and then were forced to acquaint the Governour that there were things on y^{e} doolies for to present y^{e} Prince, and it was accordingly inserted in the dustuck. Two beames we have now sent you, scales you may make there

Y^{dem}
M. V.
E. R.
E. B.
E. L.

Hugly, 7th April 1678.

MR. RICHARD EDWARDS, &c.

SIR,

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 2nd currant, since which we have received yours of y^{e} 30th ultimo. We are sorry you have not been able through your merchants' troubles there to make an end with them and finish their accompts. If a ꝑwanna comes for our paying custome at Ballasore it will be to little purpose; that Nabob Shausteh Cawn's ꝑwanna on Mellick Cassum be sent. He is now in great disgrace at Decca, all the whole country being by the Nabob warned in against him. How he will come off we cannot tell. When your Governor shews a ꝑwanna demanding on acco^{t}. as you write, it will then be time to answer. In y^{e} meantime put him off wth befitting and delaytory answers, we hoping in few daies to procure a ꝑwanna from Decca, and afterwards, God willing, a phirmaund from Dilly. We are glad Jerauz has paid part of y^{e} money owing on ꝑ^{t} and hope ere this y^{e} remainder is recovered. Y^{e} light money what will not pass here in ordinary expences must be returned you but hope to make a shift wth it.

The Prince's Droga here has sent us word that he has procured four brass gunns more at Ballasore. If any one delivers any to you pray receive them, and send them hither at the first oportunity.

The piece of gingham Heirasan delivered M. at his coming from Ballasore and has been adjudged at 3 R 4 A or rups. 65 ꝑ corge, and accordingly you may acquaint y^{e} merchant. The piece is not send downe by land in respect of our present stop, but at soon as y^{e} way is open it shall be sent you. We call not else to mind save that we are

Your loving friends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.
EDW^{D} LITTLETON.

Hugly, 22nd April 1678.

MR. RICHARD EDWARDS, &c.

SIR,

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 7th currant, since w^{ch} we have received yours of y^{e} 10th ditto. Y^{e} 22 iron gunns if you meet an oportunity send them up, as alsoe y^{e} 6 others, otherwise they must remaine till some vessels goes hence. The Prince's Droga is now returning with what gunns he could get here to Pattana.

Wee wish your merchants' troubles were over both in respects of making an end of their depending acco^{s}. which we hope they may find an oportunity to doe and you must press them to, this month being the enordered time of shutting up this yeare's acco^{ts}., as alsoe to come upon some agreement for goods for our expected shipping; the ginghams lying here can hinder noe agreement with Heirasan if he will give that sort in at y^{e} rate as we last advised you, for ready money; that is, halfe nuggured and halfe goods at a ready money rate, for we must alwaies engage y^{e} merchants there to take off goods as usuall only with this difference to give noe more y^{n} market price.

The bill you drew on Soonderdas, &c., we have received, gott accepted, and duely paid for w^{ch} shall give Ballasore factory credit. You may goe in hand to provide wax, &c., packing materialls, it being now the cheapest time for y^{e} goods intended, God willing, for England this shipping, alsoe get things ready for repaireing the Bancksaul* at y^{e} point of sand, but lett y^{e} gusty weather be over ere you begin least you have it to doe twice. In this and all other matters of expence pray be as frugall as possible you can. We note what you write concerning y^{e} carpenters here, which you sent up and shall account with them accordingly. As soone as any vessell goes hence we shall send you downe some inck out of our stores here, which are but small of that sort. Your diary and cash acco^{t} we have received; it will then be time to fitt up y^{e} *pinnace*, advice when our Europe ships shall arrive, and not before: in y^{e} meanetime if she remaine in y^{e} dock it can doe her little harme being a very unproffitable useless vessell.

Wee want planck timbers, spikes, &c., for our sloopes repirs here and find all to come out very deare in this place, all w^{ch} we understand are to be had at moderate rates with you, giving out money on them at this time, which therefore we order you to doe according to y^{e} list enclosed, which recommend to your observance, and that you give out money to secure ꝑsons.

There is nothing done in our phirwanna at Decca, the Nabob haveing been for some time sick and not appeared in publike, but we daily expect advices with good knews thence. Haveing not else to add we rest

Your loveing friends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

EDW^{D} READE.

EDM^{D} BUGDEN.

Hugly, 1st May 1678.

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON, &c.

LOVING FRIENDS,

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 1st ultimo, since which we have received yours of y^{e} 16th and 28th d^{o}. We are glad by the former to understand that Mr. Charnock, &c., had received rups. 20,000 remitted them from you, though from Mr. Charnock we have noe advise of it, suppose through forgettfullness. We take notice of y^{e} safe arrival of Mr. Edward Littleton and y^{t} most of y^{e} tanneex or raw silk you had given out in Novemb^{r} bund was come in. We cannot expect it haveing been very hott and dry for some months that March bund can be comparably good or great as it alwaies is when seasonable showers falls as usually they doe but have this yeare failed, yet there not being any likelyhood of many byers we have, you will be able to gett in ye greater quantity, the bund of July allwaies falling out as you well know course and il coloured.

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* Banksaul, properly Bankshall—A warehouse; the office of a Harbour Master or other Port Authority,—*Glossary Anglo-Indian terms—Yule—Burnell.*

Wee very well approve of your delaying to give out money to your weavers till you can enquire into ye nature of their severall losses by the late great fire (which we are sorry for) after which it will be convenient for ye first to give out money somewt spareingly, by the weavers complying with which you will ye better ꝑceive whome you may trust and whome not. Ye copie of the consultation, that clause respecting your factory investments, we have enclose sent you attested.

Wee are very glad ye doolies with severalls for presents are passed Rajamaul, and hope they may come in good time to proceed with ye Vakeel. Mr. Charnock, &c., advise they have provided to goe to Dilly in persuance of ye King's phirmaund. To this day we have noe advice from Decca of a ꝑwanna nothing be concluded for us there one way or other, soe that we have not yett been able to advise to ye coast.

If you find a necessity you may present Ffazoola Begue with what is convenient, &c., officers under him, useing all that frugallity which ye nature of ye thing will beare.

Pray send us the ꝑticulars and amot of charges merchandize of ye treasure 14 chests, we sent you hence ye 30thAugust last wch arrived ye 3rd or 4th September thither.

Yours of ye 2nd and 8th last month, requiring little of answer, we say ye less unto onely to mention their receipt.

Invoices of ye severalls carried up hence by Mr. Littleton comes inclosed amot. to rups. 225, which give this factory creditt for. We call not else to mind at ꝑsent. Rest

Your very loving friends,

MATTS VINCENT.

EDWD READE.

EDMD BUGDEN.

Hugly, 1st May 1678.

MR. JOB CHARNOCK.

LOVING FRIEND, &C.

Our last to you was dated the 1st last month. We have by us your severalls of ye 7th and 18th March, as alsoe of ye 6th ultimo. We are glad you received the bills for 20,000 rups. remitted you from Cossumbazar. We have since had knews thence that you have received ye money, alsoe that you have brought ye broadcloth sent you up in August last to accot. at 48 rups. ꝑ pie. which is very well, since if there be need we can hereafter as soone as we are got forward here reconcile all differences abroad.

Wee are glad you have procured an able Vacqeel, and that he will be ready to depart suddenly. Our sevlls for present, &c, we heare gott cleare at Rajamaul long since, and hope may have arrived timely enough to proceed with your Vacqeel, ye management of whome we leave and recommend to your prudence.

The Dutch here report they have an order for repaymt of ye rups 190,000 paid on their banians wife's death, and yt Mellick Cassum has agreed to repay 36,000, his share of it, but these seeme to be reports and will then be confirmed when they receive ye money.

Wee have had a report here lately which recommend to be inculcated at Dilly by ye Vacqeel as he shall see occation, and it is concerning ye ground or reason of our being custome free in all India but Surratt, and 'tis this Shaw Jehawne, when he was Prince or Sultaun Curroome, passed severall fortunes or encounters with his fathers and brothers ere he came to ye crowne, which he gott at last, and haveing once mett with an overthrow he fled and in his way called in at Surrat, where he borrowed 300,000 rups. of ye English President, whereby paying somewhat to his souldiers, he recruited his broken army and in ye next encounter was victorious and suddenly after his father dying he made himselfe Emperor, and after some time remembering his debt to y^{e} English by his ministers proffered its payment which y^{e} President refused, onely desireing that what they traded for all over his dominions they should not be troubled for nor pay custome, and that they may pay custome onely in Surrat, that so much money was lent Shaw Jehawne Mr. Bugden affirms he has heard Mr. Bearblock affirme, however, if this story may stand in any stead aloft, it may accordingly be used, otherwise let alone.

Your acco^{t} of cash to y^{e} end February last we have received and y^{e} invoice of petre which for y^{e} future we desire may come with ye petre boates ghessing at y^{e} neat cost and chargeing soe much ꝑ cent on it as it may cost with all its charges, which after may be rectified by an entry at makeing up your bookes as we doe in all factories here below.

Wee are much of your opinion that if y^{e} King lives, your Prince will suddenly leave Bengall. It would doe well if ere he comes you could procure his neshawne so worded as you mention and we formerly advised you. Calling not else to mind remaine

Your very loving friends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

EDW^{D} READE.

EDM^{D} BUGDEN.

Hugly, 18th May 1678.

MR. RICHARD EDWARDS.

SIRS,

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 16th with our packett for y^{e} Coast which we hope you dispeeded away according to our desire. Yours of y^{e} 9th present came since to hand, wherein find y^{e} merchants of Ballasore promised (though their troubles doe still continue) to come and shew their goods and make up their acco^{ts} soe as that they may be entred in your bookes, which must end y^{e} first last month, and doe lie open, till we can send them downe ꝑfected to y^{e} end December last, which will shortly be effected, and then these merchants' acco^{ts} can be entred together with what goods you shall now receive from them. Cullean Ray hath lately sent y^{e} Chief his acco^{t}., but we find it to be onely his acco^{t}. of 1676 without reference to his remaine of 1675; soe we have drawne out his acco^{t} and sent you together with y^{e} ꝑticulars of goods, &c., received from him. This, we would have you call him, and together with Herry Churne, get adjusted and advise us. Y^{e} said Cullean Ray alsoe sent a bill of debt of Mr. Walter Clavell, deceased, for 5,400 rups. desireing the amount may be brought to his cred^{tt} in the Companies bookes, which you may tell him shall be done as soon as we have your answer in this acco^{t}. now sent. The remaining due to ballance pray receive there, and this debt being now of long standing pray let it come into your bookes for 1677 with the rest of the merchants' acco^{t}. as above said.

The goods to be provided against next shipping in ballas, according to our Masters' last advices there about of Xber 1676 are ginghams, 10,000 ps.; Nillies, 10,000, Hummums, 2,000; and you may advise them to goe in hand wth. Romaulls 5 or 6,000 peices of Casharree. The musters you have all with you, and you must agree at a ready-money rate which you may better understand there then we at this distance; but you must alwaies remember and observe to your merchants y^{t} they must take halfe money and halfe goods at market price.

Wee received news from Decca by a letter from our old Cangoe here that the Nabob had given us Seerpares and ordered a ꝑwanna to be written, soe expect to have it suddenly, it lying, as we suppose, in y^{e} new and hungry Mutsuddies' hands till they can be agreed with for their fees; your acc^{ts} of cash, and diary for month of Aprill we have received. You must take care to get your intire diary from y^{e} time we left you coppied out into double coppies in two bookes to be sent to y^{e} ffort and England, besides this which you monthly are to send hither. We note y^{e} difference you have had with y^{e} Dutch, and suppose their pragmaticall Chief there will have noe orders hence to use any force concerning our ground. If they doe, you must act according to y^{e} present exegent, and as prudent consideration of our Masters' interest shall dictate to you, advising us of all that passes. With kind salutes we rest

Your loveing ffriends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.

Hugly, 18th May 1678.

Mr. JOB CHARNOCK, &c.

LOVEING FRIENDS,

Since our last of y^{e} 1st April and 1st currant we have received some time agoe yours of y^{e} 18th April. We heartily wish this Decca Nabob may not be long lived in his government in these parts, being a most rapatious, covetous man as may be seen in his forceing our present out of our boates, and after shewing us noe manner of favour for it, nor does he tyrannize over us onely but over y^{e} whole country, whose Zimmendars, Cangoes, &c., offices have been summoned up to him and still remaine, some in irons, all nuzzurbund * in Decca. He is onely favorable to y^{e} Dutch, who gave him present of rups. 20,000, and promised him more when their ships arrive, and they by Gungaram, y^{e} treacherous lying villian, doe as much hurt at Decca, haveing by their stories informed y^{e} Nabob of y^{e} whole state of our business and soe exasperated him against us y^{t} we have noe hopes of obtaining his ꝑwanna. On what terms we stand with him you will ꝑceive by y^{e} enclosed copies of a Decca gen^{ll} received three daies agoe, to w^{ch} desire you to be referred, as alsoe to y^{e} Persian papers w^{ch} if Mr. Hervy, &c., had soe managed y^{e} business as y^{t} it had been avoided giveing such we think it had been very good. Our whole hope now is in y^{e} ꝑmaund which there is now an absolute necessity for without w^{ch} there will be noe staying for us in this country; and it behoves us y^{t} we gett it as soone as possible for our whole investments will henceforth lye still untill either y^{e} Nabob will prove more favourable of w^{ch} there is little signe, or this ꝑmaund comes to give us countenance; againe y^{e} Vacqueel we question not you have instructed to y^{e} penning y^{e} ꝑmaund, though it may cost extraordinary, there lying much stress in it and all future graunts of y^{e} like sort, w^{ch} we must have from every successive Emperor, will run in y^{e} same words. Pray let noe care forecast nor dilligence be wanting in this concerne of soe great importance of w^{ch} hangs y^{e} whole trade of Bengall. We shall not urge any further, hopeing y^{e} things sent hence for presents, &c., arrived wth you in good time. Rest

Your very loveing ffriends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.

Hugly, 28th May 1678.

Mr. EDWARD LITTLETON.

LOVEING FRIENDS,

Wee have received yours of y^{e} 22nd currant wherein note what you write of Anthony Smith's necessaries, &c., and desire if you can conveniently to sell all his things there, or lett them lye a little longer without sending where know not but y^{t} they may be stopped by y^{e} chowkie, and give us unnecessary troubles here.

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* Nuzzurbund, correctly Nazr-band—H. Kept in view, or under surveillance, a prisoner at large.—*Wilson's Glossary of Indian Terms.*

Lett all y^{e} hast that can be made to gett y^{e} Seerpore and all other silk into the house, least a stop should come on all our business inland, as well as at y^{e} port wth we have great reason to feare, and as you may alsoe see coppy of a letter lately received from Decca w^{ch} with y^{e} Pattana gen^{ll} immediately dispeeded away to Pattana, on w^{ch} acco^{t} alsoe, as well as in respect to what you write Mahmood Moraud or Lall Beague, we order you to withhold your investments till we can see through this clause w^{ch} threatens such a storme and be getting in all goods on w^{ch} you have given out money as fast as possible you can. We know not what further to add, being full of trouble on haveing soe bad news from Decca, but as we shall come to know how things proceed there you shall from time to time have advise for your Government.

From
Your loveing ffriends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.

Hugly, 22nd May 1678.

MR. SAM^{L}. HERVY, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was of y^{e} 3rd currant, since w^{ch} after long expectation (it being 29 daies are we heard from you) we received yours of y^{e} 18th ꝑsent wherein we are very sorry to read y^{e} exceeding bad posture of our Masters' affaires wth you ꝑticularly y^{t} you are out of hopes of a ꝑwanna from this Nabob. We wish after you received y^{e} seerpaws[*] you had applyed yourselfes to y^{e} procury of that wholey, y^{e} w^{ch} must have proceeded from y^{e} Nabob onely, instead of getting y^{e} broadcloth into your possession, whereby you fell into y^{e} hands of an eunuch whose emmity somehow or another is procured to us; if the Nabob had denied his ꝑwanna (on giveing a mochelkee[†]) it had been then time to have sought to cleared y^{e} broadcloth; y^{e} terms of y^{e} mochelkee on w^{ch} are very hard, and we desire as before advised you y^{t} you very cautiously commence or proceed in such matters as may engage you to give such papers. Wee herewith send you two letters, y^{e} one for this Nabob y^{e} other for his Duan wherein we have said what w^{e} can as ꝑ y^{e} copies accompanying the chief agreement we urge for y^{e} ꝑwanna is, y^{t} if on our not produceing a ꝑmaund y^{e} Nabob expects we pay custome it must arise from goods bought or sold or carried out of y^{e} country. Now for want of his ꝑwanna we can neither buy nor sell and at y^{e} time of y^{e} moonsoone shall not have any goods to pay custome on, but if he will give a ꝑwanna y^{t} we trade as usuall, onely not to send to see either from Hugly or Ballasore till his further pleasure shall ***; and yet for what goods we import into y^{e} country we give an acco^{t}. of talika[‡] of quantie or qualities, we there can buy goods with, will be all at Hughly or Ballasore to pay **** or not according to y^{e} King's ꝑmaund, and of y^{e} Europe goods we import we may pay or not as aforesaid according to our talika given. Pray urge this and whatever alsoe in y^{e} letters as you may find requisite and leave not off urgeing for a ꝑwanna upon small hopes of obteyning it, but still try w^{ch} may divert y^{e} Nabob from other courses of worse consequence to us then he has hitherto used, and to which he will not from y^{e} Dutch side want a remembrancer. What Gungaram their Vacqueel has done both in de Sortos business and in this will appeare to y^{e} Agent and Councell by a copie of yours which we now send to them for their ꝑussall. What you have done since your last, though truely in our judgements not very approveable, yet presuming you acted according to y^{e} best of your understanding for our Masters' interest, and y^{t} you may with y^{e} more courage and vigour now play your after game we doe not disapprove, but doe strictly as already hinted, caution you to be more vigilant and considerate in what you doe of this nature for y^{e} future, you being very well versed and understanding y^{e} trapanning intrigues of these great men's durbars.

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[*] Seerpaws, correctly Saropa, corruptly Serpas, Serpaw—H. (literally hand and foot). A complete dress of honor.—*Wilson's Glossary of Indian Terms.*

[†] Mochelkeé, correctly Muchalka, or Muchalká, Moochulka, or Muchchilika incorrectly Moochilka. A written obligation or agreement, a bond, a deed: it is commonly applied to a counterpart covenant on the part of propritors or cultivators of land, agreeing to the rates of assessment imposed by the Government; also to an engagement under a penalty to observe the conditions of any deed or grant, or to one exacted from thieves or suspected persons engaging to desist or refrain from any illegal acts; or to one from superior police and other officers engaging to be responsible for the conduct of the subordinates appointed by themselves, or to any penal recognisance which may be required by a Magistrate.—*Ibid.*

Muchalka in—dárad, H. (from the P. in dárad, contains this). A phrase applicable to any agreement, signifying the "the covenant contains this," but said to have been especially applied to a document taken by the Amils or provincial collectors from the Desmukhs, or Despándyas, stating that the collectors had exacted no more from them than appeared in the public accounts, and than they were entitled to demand.—*Ibid.*

[‡] Tâlíka, or Tâlíka—An inventory, a list of articles.—*Ibid.*

As to giveing out money on cloth we cannot think it any waies adviseable while these troubles are overhead, and we uncertaine of y^{e} King's ꝑmaund, w^{ch} is the onely remedy now left us, wherefore we order you to forbeare a while longer and to make it your business to attend y^{e} durbar, and though at all times we have done and now doe enjoyne to be very frugall in all your expences, yet as you will find it in your instructions not soe as to starve y^{e} business, especially at such a time as this where all lies at stake and y^{e} Nabob is much exasperated against us. If custome should once be insisted on for y^{e} past yeares we have treaded in these parts custome free (y^{e} paper you have given y^{e} Nabob treating of further demands to be made by y^{e} Nabob) it will then be better to have money then goods, however to attend y^{e} event a little longer cannot be we think amiss.

Wee are sorry y^{e} Comp$_{as}$ writing paper, &c., came to you soe damaged: however order you to make use of y^{e} best of it for all occasions and not this country paper which y^{e} cockroches, &c., eat up in a yeare or two's time. Y^{e} account of what paper, &c., received by you we ordered Mr. Littleton to send you haveing charged Cossumbazar factory wth it and w^{ch} you must creditt. You may leave it in blanck till you heare thence it being received by you this month and to be entered in your new bookes. Y^{e} old ones pray make up, and if there be any difference in y^{e} last invoice it shall be rectified with y^{e} other differences we shall find not onely in your bookes but also in y^{e} other factories w^{ch} in due time shall be advised you. Your diary especially in such troublesome times as these we order you to ꝑfect daily, y^{t} is, you must enter y^{e} daies transactions at night least it might be suggested that you frame your diary entring things a posterior not as they really are. We alsoe press you to send us weakly advices whither things be brought to an head or not; this delay having been prejudiciall in hindring us disposeing our letters to y^{e} Agency above eight or ten daies more then intended; in signing all papers obligatory if you find it may be convenient for our Masters bussiness (otherwise not), and if you can get time to have our Agent thereto it will be good you insist on it, be it onely to gain time, it being we concieve very improbable we or you should be able to comply in time wth this last mochelkee or papers you have given, and though possibly it had not been expedient for you to have denied to have given such a paper to y^{e} Nabob when he commanded it, yet it much imports you well to consider and compare things least by such an inadventury as this was, you be again drawn into y^{e} like dilemma. We call not else to mind and ꝑsent praying God for your good success in this great business, earnestly recommended to your utmost care and vigilance.

Your very loveing ffriends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.

Hugly, 29th May 1678.

MR. RICHARD EDWARDS, &c.

SIR,

Wee wrote you hence y^{e} 16th and 18th currant. By y^{e} former sent away our Coast packett w^{ch} hope you have sent as enordered. We have since received yours of y^{e} 18th ditto. wherein are sorry to understand y^{t} y^{e} Nabob of Orixa has given you new trouble on acco^{t}. of a yearly present he expects from y^{e} Hon^{ble} Company but we hope by the second writing of your Amin * this matter will come noe more into question.

Wee shall be glad to heare you had (according to their promise) come to a conclusion with your merchants, as for a ꝑwanna from Decca there are small hopes, the Nabob having been soe informed and exasperated (as Mr. Hervy, &c., writes) by the Dutch and their Vacqueel Gungaram against us y^{t} he has in a manner denyed us his ꝑwanna, but we have written Mr. Hervy, &c., not to desist but as earnestly as over to endeavour y^{e} procury of one though it be onely to gaine time till a ꝑmaund may be gotten, of which Mr. Charnock from Pattana gives us better hopes. In y^{e} interim we advise you to keep as good correspondence as you can wth y^{e} ꝑsent Government there, and to endeavour to live quietly w^{ch} is all at Psent from

Your loving ffriends,
MATT^{s} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.

These letters to y^{e} Coast pray send away wth y^{e} same care taken for their passage as ordered for the former.

Hugly, 31st May 1678.

MR. JOB CHARNOCK, &c.

RESPECTED FRIENDS,

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 20th currant since w^{ch} Nabob Auzzum died in Decca. Y^{e} news we received just now, and sent it you forward. If y^{e} Prince be to come downe you have now time to play your game for y^{e} best. Sha Shujah's neshaun † shall send you if there be occation. Pray give full and quick advice of all things necessary that we may here take order accordingly. Y^{e} King's ꝑmaund pray hasten.

Your assured loveing ffriends,
MATT^{s} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.

The Nabob died y^{e} 24th currant after 3 in y^{e} afternoon.

Hugly 31st May 1678.

MR. RICHARD EDWARDS, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was wth a packett for y^{e} Coast y^{e} 29th currant. This comes chiefly with a gen^{ll} for y^{e} Worp^{ll} Agent and Councell w^{ch} pray send after y^{e} packett so as this may goe with it to y^{e} Coast. Nabob Auzzum Caun died in Decca y^{e} 24th currant at night. You must keep as faire wth Mirza Woolly as you can, but if he be unreasonable advise, and we question not but to reconcile him hence; and rest

Your loveing ffriends.
MATT^{s} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.

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* Amin, Umeen, corruptly, Aumin, Aumeen, but occurring, slightly modified sometimes, in most of the dialects.—A confidential agent, a trustee, a commissioner; applied in Upper India especially to a Native Officer of Government employed either in the Revenue Department to take charge of an estate and collect the revenues on account of Government or to investigate and report their amount; or in the Judicial Department as a judge and arbitrator in civil causes. In the Presidency of Bengal in particular, two classes of native judicial functionaries are now so named or the Sadar Amin, empowered to try causes to the extent of R1,000 and Sadar Amin Âli or principal Sadar Amin to whom lies an appeal from the decisions of the Amin and who decides suits to an unlimited amount. Being Regulations IV, XLV 1793; VII, 1822; XXIII, 1814; IV, 1827; V, 1831; Act IX, 1844.—*Wilson's Glossary of Indian Terms.*

† Nishán, H—A sign; a mark; an emblem; a signet; an ensign; a flag.—*Ibid.*

Hugly, 1st June 1678.

MR. SAMUELL HERVY, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was of y^{e} 28th ultimo. Yesterday came to hand yours of y^{e} 25th ditto wth y^{e} news of Nabob Auzzum Cawn's decease and y^{t} y^{e} Duan Hadjee Zoffe Caun began to act, &c. we desire you to returne us y^{e} two letters sent, y^{e} one to y^{e} Nabob, the other to his Duan Mazarool Moolke, both in their baggs as sent you, also as soon as you shall find you may have noe further occation for them, there pray returne us y^{e} Prince's neshaun wth Mozum Cawn and Shausteh Caun's ꝑwanna by a couple of good peons on purpose. Accompanying this comes our letter to y^{e} King's Duan above said, whose coppies is here enclosed, whose ꝑwanna you must endeavour speedily to gett, and if you cannot otherwise prevaile you may give a mochelkee to produce y^{e} King's ꝑwanna in seven months (as your former paper given him was willing) or else to comply wth his commands to pay custome according to y^{e} King's order. This ꝑwanna pray gett and send us as soone as possible, we being questioned in all places now for want of one, and our business like to be stopped. If a question arises how an acco^{t}. shall be kept of our custome till this time be expired or we produce y^{e} King's ꝑmaund for our trading custome free, you may desire y^{e} favour y^{t} y^{e} Duan would order y^{e} Buckbunder of this port to take our entries w^{ch}. we shall give him of our goods sent out of this port up into y^{e} country and brought downe out of y^{e} country hither according to w^{ch} an acco^{t} of custome may be made up, but whatever you doe, if possible to be avoided, order y^{e} business soe as y^{t} we may not be at the lash of our Governor here as y^{t} our boats should be to be searched and goods brought asshore at y^{e} custome house and there to be opened and weighed, for at y^{t} rate it will be impossible for us to trade both in respect of y^{e} great delayes in time of shiping we shall meet with, as alsoe of endamageing and loss of our sev^{ll} goods, we have not else to add, save y^{t} we are

Your loveing ffriends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.

Hugly, 3rd June 1678.

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 28th May since w^{ch} we have received yours of y^{e} 30th do., advising of the death of Nabob Auzzum Cawn which we have recd y^{e} 31st from Decca, yours not arriving till yesterday about noone. By this Nabob's death y^{e} face of our Master's affaires is much altered we hope for y^{e} bettre, although we are certaine it will occation a fresh charge to them if any new Governour, and greater, if y^{e} Prince as tis y^{e} gen^{ll} rogue comes to Bengall; we doe not much doubt in y^{e} interim to gett y^{e} King's Duan's ꝑwanna for our free trade on our paper given him to produce y^{e} King's ꝑmaund in seven months' time, wherefore we reverse our order of y^{e} 28th ultimo and doe encharge you to give out money on and hasten all y^{e} Hon^{ble} Companies investments belonging to your residence, but with all enjoyne you to use all caution imagainable to prevent any damage what you can, w^{ch} may accrew both in relation to your weaver's late losses by y^{e} fire, as alsoe in respect to any money forced on them by Lol Beague for y^{e} deceased Nabob's acco^{t}. avoydeing those two and what else may occur to you. Being on y^{e} place we hope our Masters' investments may be now made wth indifferent security and accordingly recommend them unto you. We note what you write of your silke merchants' troubles, and hope they are at ꝑsent gott cleare by y^{e} Nabob's death.

Wee are glad ye doolies wth ꝑsents are arrived at Pattana, but advise what is become of ye hired servants who was to have brought us advise of it soe long agoe. Having not else to add remaine

Your loveing ffriends,
MATTs VINCENT.
EDWD READE.
EDMD BUGDEN.

Hugly, 8th June 1678.

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was dated ye 3rd currant, since wch are come to hand yours of the 3rd and 5th ditto and hope if we gott ye King's Duan's ꝑwanna for our free trade, yt by his favourable representation of us and our business to ye next Governour we may not be much endamaged for want of ye deceased Nabob's ꝑwanna. The 1st currant we wrote to Decca sending a letter to ye King's Duan therewith, giveing them orders in what manner to apply themselves to ye Hadgee for a ꝑwanna, and pray God they may have success. We take notice you did forward ours of ye ult for Pattana.

As to the news you give us of the Prince we are of opinion tis a mistake, for by a letter wch you saw and we received from Pattana of an old date it seemes to be contradicted. However shall get a ꝑsent in readiness for him in case he should come, yt soe we may not miss him as we did ye late Nabob. They write from Pattana yt there were sevll missing out of ye doolie of rarities, the chief of wch is ye speaking trumpet, and ye lace held out short. Pray enquire of your house peion yt went with the doolies what should be become of ye trumpett. Kindly saluting you, we remaine

Your loveing ffriends,
MATTs VINCENT.
EDWD READE.
EDMD BUGDEN.

Hugly, 8th June 1678.

MR. SAMUELL HERVY, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was of the 1st currant, since wch we have received yours of the same date and are glad to understand yt you have hopes of prevailing for a ꝑwanna wth the King's Duan. We wrote to him and directed you how to apply yourselfes to him ꝑ your last, and hope your endeavours will prove successfull. We order you to proceed carefully and cautiously in your giving out money on cloth in this unsetled posture of the country. We wish you had sold your gold as soone as you arrived there. We suppos ye price is not risen but rather in likelihood to be lower now when you shall seeme to have some necessity of selling.

Wee have alarum'd here yt the Prince is to enter Rajamaul in a day or two, and it has been written us from Cossumbazar, on wch we were thinking to consult together and provide to goe and meet him there, but from Pattana we have noe advice but of an old date, wch tells us yt said Prince by much importunity gott leave of his father to come on hunting as low as Mungeer, and it may be on hearing of this Nabob's death he may have come on this side of yt place which till we may heare further from Pattana about it all we can see in it. However least the King's ꝑmaund should come to him in his hunting and he should pop in ere we are aware as the deceased Nabob did, we shall provide and attend his motion. We doe not heare nor think yt if the Prince comes he will reside in Decca but in Rajamaul. We desire you to send the neshaun of Sha Sujah to

Cossumbazar, and if you have done with them, the other originall ꝑwannas however pray send the former without faile and if you find a necessity for it take a copie attested by your Cozzee w^{ch} in all cases not very extraordinary will questionless serve. We call not else to mind save y^{t} we are

Your loveing ffriends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.

Hugly, 15th June 1678.

Mr. JOB CHARNOCK, &c.

Loveing friends,

Our last to you was of the 31st ultimo since w^{ch} came to hand yours of the 7th ditto not till the 8th currant, and yours of 30th ditto and 13th present month. We are glad the doolies of rarities came in safety unto you but admire the speaking trumpet should be missing, and have write to Cossumbazar about it, and the rest of the things wanting, and thence you will have an answer the lace being very rich is apt to contract and was scant measure when sent hence.

The Prince came very nigh Rajamaul in soemuch as it was expected from the Govern^{r} that he would have them entred, but he is now gone back and we looke for him about a month hence. We wish you had gott his neshaun for our free trade in Pattana. It might in likelihood have much facilitated of getting one here. If it can still be done pray endeavour it. We are glad you have received the 20,000 rupees lately sent by bill to you from Cossumbazar wither we have now written to find out the mistake in the broadcloth invoice and to rectifie and send it you. Your acco^{t} cash for March and April have received.

Wee received letters the 4th this month from our Masters of the 19th July last, from the President and Councell at Suratt of the 10th April, and from the Agent and Councell at ffort St. George of the 23rd last month. The first gives no news nor acco^{t} of any thing, the ships from hence and the Coast not being got home but gives full orders and authority to endeavour y^{e} procury of a phirmaund: commend to us y^{e} doeing of it wth all privacy without noise and with as little charge we can but yet soe soone as possibly wth convenience we can. Y^{e} President and Councell at Suratt by order from the Company give us instrutions y^{t} we rather send up a native Vaqueel then an Englishman who can better unobserved apply himselfe to some favorite of the Kings and the sooner thereby effect our desires ffrom ffort St. George. The Agent and Councell write y^{t} they are of opinion y^{t} by some great man's interest we may soone procure a ꝑmaund and accordingly direct us to apply our Vacqueel which is alsoe our opinion, all w^{ch} recommend to you. We have y^{t} Shausteh Caun is security for this Prince, and it may not be amiss if your Vacqueell shall see y^{t} a phirmaund will take more time to gett out then our this yeare's business will leave, y^{t} he get Shausteh Caun to write to this Prince effectually in our behalfe. We refer it to you soe to endeavour to handle the matter as y^{t} out Master's business may not be stopped at this yeare it has hitherto. Tis noised here y^{t} Shausteh Caun has given the King a rowle of all his estate, and y^{t} he is made Vizier, has licence to gett before the King. We think him in many respects unfit to attend the quick motions of Sevage. Calling not else at ꝑsent to remembrance rest

Your loveing ffriends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.

Since the writing of the foregoing we received from Decca where they have given to the Duan a paper according to the enclosed Persian paper, and has taken copie Sha Shujah's neshaun to the Gen^{tl} Nabob's ꝑwannas promiseing to write in our favour to the King and to send all those copies to him. This pray advise your Vaqueell at Court off y^{t} he may have answers ready and apply himselfe accordingly.

Wee think to send you in a day or two more two letters, the one to Shausteh Caun, the other to Ray Nundelal, his Duan, to stand our friends to the King when he shall on y^{e} Duan's letter speake of us, by all w^{ch} we hope to gett a ℘maund the more easily. A ℘wanna for our free trade in the meanetime we are promised and hope to gett in a few daies.

M. VINCENT.

E. READE.

Hugly, 18th June 1678.

MR. SAMUELL HERVY.

SIRS,

Our last to you was dated the 8th currant. We have since received yours of y^{e} 7th and 10th ditto. The great hopes raised in the former halfe quashed in the latter letter. As to your doubt in the matter of rups. 3,000 paid yearly in Hugly, tho' we commend your rediness y^{t} we judge the circumstances at ℘sent different to what they were in Mr. Clavell's time when he ordered you to gett off the said present of 3,000 rups. in case Shausteh Caun would not agree to our trading without paying custome, for then our applications were wholey to him and his to the King in our behalfe, but we now have a Vacqueell at Dilly whome we may and shall direct in this affaire; y^{t} if the King, will not give us a ℘maund custome free y^{t} then he send for a release for payment of the 3,000 rups. yearly present in this port, and this we suppose you could never get your Duan to doe nor has he power to release us, but by order from the King, which order our Vacqueell being there, is it may be better able by more frequent tryalls of sev^{l} waies w^{ch} he will find at court to procure then the Duan, wherefore we order you to take Hodgee Zoffee Caun's ℘wanna as soone as may be, and if he will not give it without y^{e} clause engaging us to make entries of our goods take it with that alsoe onely see by feeing the Mutsuddies about him, to gett it soe well and plainely penned as y^{t} we may not be engaged to opening or shewing our goods or to cauz or searching our boats, for then our troubles will be infinite in this port, and then we had almost as good have noe ℘wanna besides the gen^{ll} ℘wanna. We find one No. 2 mentioning onely the trade in Decca w^{ch} we doe not accompt good by any means since in the gen^{ll} all Bengalla and Orixa is included and this will be apt to bring up bad custome and new peaches or trapans w^{ch} are what we can to be avoyded, wherefore order onely a gen^{ll} ℘wanna according to No. 1 to be taken out, and with all expedition sent us, a great quantity of the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} goods haveing hence here already sev^{ll} m^{os} w^{ch} are wanted and would a great part of y^{m} have sold ere this in Cossum^{b} and Pattana. There has lately an accident w^{ch} we thought good to advise you off. A Mallacca Coffree a Renit? or subject of the Hon^{ble} Companies at Bombay and soe noe subject of this country came hither lately in a ship belonging to the English from Suratt, a servant of the Commanders of said vessell. He one day in the open day was minded to wash, and because he could not swim went over the ship's side and tooke hold of the shoare fast of the ships and soe hung in the river, but growing too bold and endeavouring to goe on shoare by the said rope when he came into the midway between the ship and the shoare, by his weight the ship came nigher in and the rope came downe in the water which affrighted at he let goe his hold and sunk in ten fathome water, and was noe more seen till the fourth day after, when it being still water where he was drowned he floated, and giving annoyance to the ship the men tyed a rope to his leg or hand and towed him out into the streame y^{t} soe he might noe further disturb them, but they not taking good notice it hapned to be floud of a spring tide and soe the body instead of goeing downe went up the river, and came ashoare just at the Meirbdes Gaut or lading place where the water ebbing left him ashoare, and those fellows y^{t} carried him out cutt the rope leaveing a part about his leg or arme by which he was taken notice off, and the Mutsuddies here would seeme to make something of it though he was seen thus to be drowned in the open day by a great multitude of people. The fish had eaten him about the face and neck much which gives them occation to frame he was a rich merchant and for his money, had his throat cutt aboard our ship and afterwards thrown overboard, we much doubt not best shall quash this here, but however thought good you should be acquainted with the truth of the business if it should ever be spoken off at Decca. We call not else to mind. Remaine

Your loveing ffriends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.

Hugly, 18th June 1678.

MR. JOB CHARNOCK, &c.

LOVEING FFRIENDS,

The 15th currant we wrote you last. These chiefly come to bring you the two enclosed rough draughts of letters to Nabob Shausteh Caun and Ray Nundelol his Duan, w^{ch} you may peruse and add what you shall judge most propper to be incerted, and drawing them out faire you may send them to your Vacqueell at Dilly giveing him orders concerning them as you on good and due consideration of all things shall judge convenient. There is alsoe one thing more then we have hither advised to be written to Dilly, and y^{t} is in case the King will by noe means give us a ꝑmaund otherwise then on paying custome, y^{t} then our Vacqueel sues to get us released from paying rups. 3,000 as we have done all the time of our being custome free in his port. We recommend this, and enclosed papers to you, and remaine

Your very loveing ffriends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.

Hugly, 21st June 1678.

MR. SAMUELL HERVY, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was dated the 18th currant w^{ch} day we received advices from Rajamaul by Cossumbazar y^{t} the Prince, contrary to all expectations was arrived thither but he would not stay long there ere he visited Decca. We are intended to set out hence towards Rajamaul the 24th or 26th currant at furthest, sooner then w^{ch} feare shall not be able to gett ꝑticulers for presents ready wth other conveniences. If the Prince should, ere we arrive at Cossumbazar, be passed Meirdapore towards Decca, we shall stay there till we heare from you, and if the Prince makes but little stay as we suppose he will not at Decca, we intend at his returne to visitt and present him in Rajamaul; there will questionless be a necessity of yours appearing there before the Prince, where you may declare y^{t} the Chiefs was on his way to Rajamaul to waite upon him and present him, but learning y^{t} he was gone by to Decca and y^{t} he would not stay long there y^{t} he waited another oportunity at his returne to Rajamaul, in the meantime if by meanes of the King's Duans or any otherwise you can possibly procure his Neshaun, thought should be wth the same conditions in all respects wth what we directed you to take out the Duan's ꝑwanna, pray doe it, that soe the stop may not last till our ships arrive, and our whole business lies stopped as it has continued many months, and though he should stay a month or more at Decca it will be convenient y^{t} we doe not meet him but at his returne at Rajamaul, for probably in the meanetime the King's ꝑmaund may come, when with one present we may get out his Neshaun well grounded, when at best can we feare at ꝑsent be but conditionall, and if we are forced to present him ere the ꝑmaund comes he must againe be presented when it comes for his Neshauns before mentioned; but if on good enquiry and observation you shall find the Prince is resolved to take some longer stay there then at ꝑsent is imagined he will, and y^t it will be prejudiciall to our Masters' affaires that he be not presented there, then send us advice to Cossum^b, and we shall waite upon him in Decca.

We remaine

Your loveing ffriends,

MATT^S VINCENT.
EDW^D READE.

Hugly, 26th June 1678.

MR. RICHARD EDWARDS.

SIR,

Our last to you was dated the 15th currant. You will have heard long since of the Princes' haveing the Government of Bengall bestowed upon him, and of his entrance into Rajamaul. We have advices y^t he is proceeded thence to Dacca, where he will not remaine long this day, therefore the Chief sets forward towards Cossumbazar to wait his commands whither to waite upon him at Rajamaul or Decca.

Wee have been given to understand y^t Tho. Pitt (who though ordered publikely by the Chief and Councell did not proceed to ffort St. George last yeare) is engaged or does intend to enter himselfe upon the ships of Noorola Cawn. We much admire at his boldness to think that he is under noe Government, for a man in his predicament thus to take service wthout licence first had from the Worp^{ll} Agent and Councell at Ffort St. George or at least from us; pray call him and admonish him openly in our name, and tell him y^t, we shall not have any man but must proceed this yeare to the ffort, unless he can procure the said Worp^{ll} Agent and Councell's orders to the contrary, the Hon^{ble} Company having soe possitively and strictly enjoyned y^t he be sent hence, w^{ch} although he eluded last yeare, we purpose he shall not this. We call not else to mind, save y^t we are

Your very loveing ffriends,

MATT^S VINCENT.
EDW^D READE.
EDM^D BUGDEN.

I have not heard of Tho. Pitt's engagem^t to Nooroola Caun.

Hugly, 26th June 1678.

MR. EDWARD READE, &c.

LOVING FRIENDS,

I being now by God's commission for sev^{ll} considerations mentioned in our diary and consultation bound to Cossumbazar in reference to meeting and presenting Sultaun Auzzum leave this remembrance wth you for your regulation in the carrying on the Hono^{ble} Companies affaires during my absence.

And first I desire you to keep exact correspondence advising why all things y^t shall happen in our business if any lie worthy communicating, and y^t you keep a diary in the usuall forms till my returne.

The Hono^{ble} Companies sloopes you may be sending away about the 5th next month that soe they may be ready in Ballasore Roode against our Europe ships arrive, y^{t} soe if any come from England bound by Chrep^{ty} to come to Hugly they may be proceeding without delay. You may alsoe send an invitatory letter to the commanders to venture up with their ships in the Chief's name alleageing the small difficulty and great advantage, &c. as you think best. However if they will not bring their ships, invite the Commanders up, that soe by coming on the sloopes and seeing the good depths of water they may be more willing if should come againe to these parts, it being the best way to bring our employer's designe in this ꝑticuler to pass by telling all the commanders if it can be see the uttermost of y^{e} danger. The sloope *Lilly* let goe alsoe wth the other sloopes and order her into Ballasore there to be fitted as designe by one of our English carpenters; writing our friends at Ballasore, useing all the frugallity imaginable here are a ꝑcell of teak boards to line her cabin wth, all w^{ch} send by number downe on her, giveing y^{e} master strict charge to be accomptable for them. Part of the Companies cash is delivered wth the cashbook of this factory to Mr. Reade, the other I carry with me (there being noe ꝑsent Occation for it) to supply where shall find there may be most want and expences of the affaire I now goe about.

If any thing be here omitted on your advise or my calling it to mind it shall be spoken to from Cossumbazar. Wishing you much health remaine.

Your assured loveing ffriends

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

Cassimbazar 2nd July 1678.

MR. EDWARD READE, &c.

SIRS,

We have received yours of the 28th past (two of them), the former coming to hand the 30th the same day we arrived hither, the other the next day, both whose q^{ts} we observe and of the gen^{ll} from Worp^{ll} Agent and Councell. You well know had it not been for want of due assistance, the confusedness we found the gen^{ll} bookes in, and want of health at the begining of the yeare not to name the continual troubles we have encountred ever since the ships departed, tis not to be questioned that all our acco^{t} had been ere now adjusted. The inland factories have also shared in the forementioned hindrances w^{ch} has alsoe brought them behindhand. We shall now write both to Dacca and Pattana for their bookes, wth which those of this factory shall alsoe come, and then you may shut up your bookes and draw out an abstract as alsoe a paper of differences to reconcile the gen^{ll} and inland factory acco^{ts}. In the interim you had best begin new bookes, if not already done, and goe on wth them y^{t} soe the propper acco^{ts} of Hugly may not ly behind.

Wee are in hopes there is noe such thing intended as recalling the Prince, there being a report here y^{t} the last phirmaund from the King to him was in respect of his health, forbidding his residence at Decca, and ordering his very sudden returne to Rajamaul to live there w^{ch} if true will be very well not being in a readiness to meet him. If the ships should come up sooner then ordinary pray write up for all rarities y^{t} shall come this year and send us a quantity of what you may think will be most acceptable. Wee call not else to mind. Remaine.

Your Loveing ffriends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

EDW^{D} LITTLETON.

Cossumbazar, 3rd July 1678.

MR. SAMUELL HERVY, &c.

SIRS,

Wee wrote you at large the 18th and 21st last month, to w^{ch} we have little to add save y^{t} we have received yours of the 17th ditto, together wth Sha Shujah's Neshaun and the ℘wannas as inlisted. We longingly expect your advices what has passed and is like to be your condition since the Prince's arrivall at Decca. We are told here y^{t} his stay there will be short and y^{t} a ℘maund from the King followed him to y^{t} purpose.

Your bookes of acco^{ts} if not already sent dispatch away to Hugly y^{t} we may shut up our bookes whose ballance y^{e} Worp^{ll} Agent and Councell have written for in w^{ch} respect we are the more earnest wth you. Your advise we awaite and the Prince's returne wth whome by God's blessing we feare not to make up our business in w^{ch} pray give us best aims you can.

We remaine

Your loveing ffriends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

EDW^{D} LITTLETON.

If possible you can get out y^{e} late mochelkee you gave y^{e} late Nabob soe as it may not come to the Prince's sev^{ts} hands it would doe exceeding well least it may now have reference to our Masters' affaires.

Y^{dem}

M. VINCENT.

E. LITTLETON.

Cossumbazar, 3rd July 1678.

MR. RICHARD EDWARDS, &c.

SIRS,

Wee have not answered yours of the 30th ultimo till now there being little materiall in it and expecting your diary, &c.

Wee heare the King's Duan at Cateck who is son to the King's Duan of Bengall, to whome the deceased Nabob was a grand enemy, if he had lived would have endeavoured his ruin, y^{t} the said Duan fled from Cateck for faere of the Nabob of Orixa, who otherwise have affronted him. You have done very well in waiting upon him, both he and his father here haveing alwaies been favorable to our business.

Wee hope by your silence y^{t} you have been makeing an end wth the Ballasore merchants w^{ch} we should be glad to understand, and especially now y^{e} ships are at our dores we pray God we may be able to bring the ℘sent affaire in hand to a good issue ere they arrive. Haveing not else to add we remaine

Your very loveing ffriends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

EDW^{D} LITTLETON.

Wee have herewith sent you the 50 doller weight having rectified it to the weight of Rajamaul siccaes.

Y^{dem}

M. V.

E. L.

Cossumbazar, 4th July 1678.

MR. EDWARD READE, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was dated the 2nd currant since w^{ch} is come to hand yours of the 1st ditto wth Ruggonaut, &c. Their acco^{t} concerning the

Cassas 1571 p^{s} we suppose you found not their rate in the warehouse book but onely the quantity, and we are somewhat doubtfull in y^{t} Mr. Matt^{s} Vincent has heard in Hugly that there was 1 rup. difference in every sort. You are to enquire into this matter and accordingly booke them.

The 100 rups. charged to their acco^{t} must continue soe, for if what entred into our bookes of acco^{ts} comes to be questioned (as this leades directly to it), it will be of bad consequence and their deniell of receipt of y^{t} money will not make against our bookes, except all of them will sweare they never received such a summe in money or acco^{t}. What the lead sold them the 13th June 1677 was rated at then Mr. Reade must know, it being, if at Hugly, delivered by him, and the lead sold then the 15th December last could not be delivered then by Mr. Matt^{s} Vincent, he being then in Ballasore, and does remember y^{t} he agreed wth them at 8 rups. ꝑ md. the 18th September last on the contract for Mullmulls, and we suppose the lead then delivered might be part of it. Ruggonaut being the most substantiall man of y^{t} gang it would doe well if you made that head Ruggonaut and Company.

If you paid them 1,000 rups. of what due to them pay them noe more till further orders, their being an acco^{t} between them and the late Chief of Bengall, w^{ch} shall suddenly adjust, and then make an end wth them: in the meantime they may goe to their houses.

The Mushariffe* came as you write from the King. Suppose is the same y^{t} we formerly heard of from Pattana, Mahmud Hushein by name. Pray endeavour to keep a faire correspondence with him; and if he can be ꝑswaded to write favorably of us and our ꝑviledges of trade in y^{t} part to the King it may be of good use to our ꝑsent business at Court. We remaine

Your loveing ffriends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

EDW^{D} LITTLETON.

Your bookes of 1677 being open we order you to enter Ruggonaut, &c., their acco^{t} into them, y^{t} soe they be as ꝑfect as we can make them, and hasten Mr. Bugden to send downe the Ballasore bookes y^{t} they may be alsoe ready as soon as possible.

Y^{dem}.

M. V.

E. L.

Cossumbazar, 7th July 1678.

MR. EDWARD READE, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was of the 4th currant. Yours of the same date we have received together wth the Dacca gen^{ll} and the Duans ꝑwanna by w^{ch} we have liberty to send goods againe up into the country. On receipt therefore of these we order you to send up hither all those sorts of goods we directed Mr. Bugden to be sent up to the inland factories. The cloth you may send thence to Dacca, and whatsoever more shall be thought convenient may be sent or carried them hence. We call not else to mind. Remaine

Your loveing ffriends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

EDW^{D} LITTLETON.

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* Mushariffe, correctly Mushrif—H. An Examiner; an Inspector; an Officer of the Treasury who authenticates accounts and documents.—*Wilson's Glossary of Indian Terms.*

Cossumbazar, 10th July 1678.

MR. SAMUELL HERVY, &c.

SIRS,

The 6th current we received yours of the 27th last month, and have hopes in few daies more to receive a full and definite answer to ours of the 21st ditto., as alsoe how you have fared with the Prince, and whether there will be a necessity for the Chief's ꝑsonall appearance wth a present ere he returnes to Rajamaul as therein fully incited on.

The coppy of the Duan's ꝑwanna (the originall being detained at Hugly) and the acco^{t} of expence of procureing said ꝑwanna we have received w^{ch}, considering the occation we approve of conceiveing you have well acquitted yourselfes therein, and hope you will thereupon have since ꝑvailed wth the Prince for his Neshaun, w^{ch} you as well as we are very sensible, how well it would be, if could be gott without the last clause of entries at the ports; the Vacqueel at Dilly has full advices what we are and have been in doeing in Bengall, there haveing been nothing come to knowledge necessary for him to be acquainted with but we have immediately to Mr. Charnock by him to be handed forward.

As touching a ꝑwanna for Dacca, or any other place in Bengall or Orixa apart for the gen^{ll} ꝑwanna for which you seeme so much to pleade, we have well considered what you have alleaged therein, and upon mature deliberation are of the same mind as before, and doe hope that we well understand the nature of the thing feareing its bad consequence on our Masters' affaires; we were never questioned at Dacca till that unhappy ꝑmaund for the Duans, when in Dacca, Ballasore, and Hugly the Nabob Shausteh Caun, according to the King's command, ordered custome to be taken of us, w^{ch} made it necessary when he was againe ꝑswaded to favour us, y^{t} his ꝑwannas for our free trade should be issued out to all those places whither his prohibition had been formerly sent; but all this argues not y^{t} when it shall please God we have got the King's ꝑmaund and on it this Prince's Neshaun for our Masters' trade in Bengall and Orixa y^{t} we must still have ꝑticuler orders for any or all parts within said kingdoms, and we may further note to you y^{t} any such order will hold good but while the ꝑsent Governour superintends, for upon change or removealls, you must have another from the next comes, w^{ch} may be inconvenient and as changeable as the gen^{ll} ꝑwangees* or verball orders you mention, where Governours remove often as in Hugly and Ballasore, and if the Prince should dwell (as we are certainly informed he will) in Rajamaul, the future Decca Governour will be as subject to change as those of any other Government in the whole province.

That you should receive trouble in Nabob Auzzum Caun's time (who appeared very inveterate against us), or in the ꝑsent unsetled posture of affaires, is matter of noe greater wonder, but must be gone through by every one in his station the best he can; and we must use our utmost endeavours in all places y^{t} noe bad examples or precedents though many (this of Shausteh Caun's being yet but one) be brought into use or custome to the prejudice or disadvantage of our Masters' affaires. Upon the whole we doe not think fit to revoke our order in this matter, but doe prohibit you to take out any such ꝑwanna or paper for any port of Bengall or Orixa apart; for though it may, in this unsetlement and as we may say, indisposition of our Masters' affaires, seem to give a present remedy and redress, yet 'tis next to a certainty y^{t} when they shall be curred, and (as we hope they suddenly will) have gathered strength againe, it will rather help to ruin them (as is the use of palliated and superficiall cures, or at best as physick in health) then give them any reall support or solid sustentation; if you must (as you say), though we have the King's ꝑwanna and this Prince's Neshaun, yet procure the ꝑticuler ꝑwangee or verball order of the immediate Superintendent at Decca, and money and time will be spent to gett that, it will in such case be your best way at the first to be a little expence of time, &c., extraordinary to gett said ꝑwangee once for all w^{ch} may be soe given as to last for all the time of any one man's government, and then by you againe renewed, by which means after the change of one or two Governours the ꝑwangee will grow customary, and our priviledges soe well knowne, y^t the impending of under officers will cease and weare away as they have done in all other parts since y^t time of Sha Shujah and Mozum Caun, when such peons were exceeding troublesome and exacting.

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* Parwangee, correctly parwanagi—H. Permission; leave; license.—*Wilson's Glossary of Indian Terms.*

The broadcloth, according to our advices from Hugly, will be sent you thence, and we shall keep wthin the bounds of your contract; but the ꝑsent ready price of broadcloth at Ballasore is 3r 12a and 4r, although and we intend to establish it at 4r 4a ꝑ yd. hereafter at Decca, Rajamaul, and Pattana, and hope as the Prince comes to grow rich it will beare its former esteem; we have not else to add, but y^t the story of the Caffree at Hugly is quashed. We remaine

Your loveing ffriends,

MATT^S VINCENT.

EDW^D LITTLETON.

This letter was not received at Decca, y^e peon miscarrying by the way.

M. VINCENT.

S. HERVY.

H. NEDHAM.

Cossumbazar, 13th July 1678.

MR. EDWARD READE.

SIRS,

Our last to you was of the 7th currant, to which refer you. We have now received yours without date, but suppose should have been the 8th currant, and are glad the Ballasore acco^{ts} are soe neare a close y^t soe our next designe of reconciling all inland factories' acco^{ts} may be gone on in as our other incumbent and pressing business will give us oportunity for, the expected English ships being soe nigh. The last year's Europe and ffort invoices are herewith sent you, and hope you may yet receive the sev^{ll} entries and merchants' acco^{ts} from Ballasore, timely enough to close all if not before yet suddenly after the ship's arrival; we wish you could have paid Ruggonaut, &c., noe more then the rups. 1,000 we rote you, but doe approve of what you have done.

Wee wrote you concerning the Musushariffe, whome we then supposed had been Mahmood Hashim, but now find 'tis a Gentue, wth whome as wth all officers you must keep a faire correspondence. Wee have written you full orders concerning sending up those goods to the sev^{ll} factories as they arrive shall disperse. We have not yet heard from Decca since y^e Prince arrived, but daily expect it.

We remaine

Your loveing ffriends,

MATT^S VINCENT.

EDW^D LITTLETON.

Cossumbazar, 15th July 1678.

MR. EDWARD READE, &c.

SIRS,

Wee omitted our last of the 13th to send you the invoice from the ffort and England, but we question not but you have found them in the coppy booke or Register of Invoices, which is in Jeremiah Peachie's hands. What of the originalls not left wth him being entred therein ere the Chief left the place.

Wee pray God we may suddenly receive a ꝑmaund from the King to put an end to the present unsettlement of our Masters' affaires in these parts, yet since we cannot be certaine whether we shall have it for our trade, custome free or not, and y^t if it should give order for our paying custome, we shall certainly be called upon at least for such goods of w^{ch} according to the late ꝑwanna graunted us by the King's Duan we have given entries to pay their custome in case the King shall so order it. Wherefore we strictly order you to keep an exact acco^t of our entries given the Governour or any other Custome Officer in Hugly for all goods sent or brought into Hugly wth the copies of the dusticks whether sent or whence received, y^t soe those in office may not multiply Dustucks upon us nor y^e Hon^{ble} Company be forced to pay more custome should it be demanded then for their own goods, in w^{ch} except, for all other goods in or out you must enter for whose acco^t they are, and if you think needfull take their engagements under their hands to answer for the custome in case hereafter we should be force to pay it as aforesaid. We call not else to mind save y^t we are

Your loveing ffriends,

MATT^S VINCENT.

EDW^D LITTLETON.

We order you to send us a copy of all entries of dustucks as above mentioned to the day of the date hereof by first oportunity, y^t if occation be it may by us be shewn at Decca.

Y^{dem}

M. VINCENT.

E. LITTLETON.

Cossumbazar, 18th July 1678.

MR. EDWARD READE, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was dated the 15th currant since w^{ch} have received yours of the 16th currant with the invoice of goods you had dispeeded thence for this factory. They are as we heard yesterday stopped by the way but hope to gett them cleared, the invoice was delivered to Mr. Littleton, &c., according to which they will receive the goods.

As before we wrote you we now confirme, y^t you keep a good correspondence wth the new Droga, but we enorder you to forbear giving him a present till the Chief's arrivall, when it will be most fitting in gen^{ll} respects; whatever is whispered him in the ear by any of our ill-wishers will not we hope signifie much, God sending us good success at Decca whither, God whilling, the Chief is setting forward tomorrow morning, having two daies since rec^d a gen^{ll} letter from Dacca, by w^{ch} it cannot be found y^t his not appearing before the Prince will be well taken, nor is it visible that the Prince intends to stir thence for a while.

What papers you have been ordered to send us hither pray, if not already forwarded, remit us to Decca w^{ch} is all at present from

Your loveing ffriends,

MATT^S VINCENT.

EDW^D LITTLETON.

Wee have returned Janne Beague into you, hearing y^t you are ill provided of a Durbar servant.

Y^{dem}

M. VINCENT

E. LITTLETON.

Cossumbazar, the 18th July 1678.

Mr. EDWARD LITTLETON, &c.

Sirs,

The present necessity of the Hon^{ble} Companies affaires calling me away to Decca, and haveing a day or two agone received advice from Hugly y^{t} they intended as soone as they could procure boates to send a quantity of goods to supply Pattana markets, I thought it requisite to leave this order wth you to forward said goods thither when they shall arrive hither, and to send the copie of Hodgee Zoffe Caun's ꝑwanna to Rajamaul to cleare them thence.

Your books of acco^{ts} (wch I am very sensible your multiplicity of business and your want of due assistance has kept you behind hand in), being now on a ballance pray hasten and send away to Hugly, as alsoe those of Pattana as soone as they shall come to hand. I call not else to mind but y^{t} you give all due advise to Decca as you shall judge requisite. I conclude

Your very loveing ffriends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

Dacca, 27th July 1678.

Mr. EDWARD READE, &c.

Sirs,

The 26th in the evening the Chief arrived hither in safety, but y^{e} boat wth the horses is not yet come but in a day expected. The 29th we intend to visit the Kings and Prince's Duans, and the next day two or three others of the Prince's principall officers, then 1st or 2nd of next month the Prince himself. What shall at all times be necessary for your knowledge shall be constantly advised you, what we have already recommended to you pray let be put in execution, and the gen^{ll} letters both from Hugly and the ffort let be carefully transmitted us by such conveyance as may soonest bring them to our hand. We call not else to mind save y^{t} we are

Your loveing ffriends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

SAM^{D} HERVY.

Dacca, 3rd August 1678.

Mr. JOB CHARNOCK, &c.

Sirs,

The 26th last month Mr. Matt^{s} Vincent arrived hither, where he is yet detained in the business came about, *vizt.* to visitt and present this new Prince of Bengall, and if possible to get his Neshaun for our trade in these parts. Yours of the 11th and 16th July we have received together wth the copie of your Duan's ꝑwanna, for clearing all future disputes about our Masters' goods wth you. We also here were not unmindfull of it, but have alsoe gott out a dustuck under the seal of the Prince's Duan's and Peashdust* Rag Moo Locke Chund's hands for clearing all demands in Pattana on our goods or boates. The originall you may shew as you find occation, and the coppy attested by the Cazzee of this place you may send downe wth the petre boates to cleare them in the way, and most especially from Rajamaul, and if your petre come downe while the Prince's officers governe there tis likely you may meet wth the less trouble, w^{ch} we recommended earnestly unto you to see to gett it effected.

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*Piashdust, correctly Peshgi-dar.—H. A lender of money to enable a person to pay in advance.

Wee observe you have sent the mochelkee given the King's Duan at Decca to your Vacqueel at Dilly, and think very well of what you have left out in our letters to Nabob Shausteh Caun and Ray Nundelol, they being sent out in their rough draught to you on purpose. We hope our business may be done by said Nabob's meanes, and rather then faile, you may direct your Vacqueel to drive a downright bargaine wth his Duan Ray Nundelol for a ꝑmaund for a certaine summe of money what you shall judge or he may find effect it, and we hope he may not demand unreasonably. We shall readily approve of what you shall on due consideration order him to propose well knowing of what great necessity a ꝑmaund now is to our Masters' affaires, w^{ch} are much shattered for want of one, wherefore we most earnestly recommend this to you.

Wee well approve of your getting a letter of Shausteh Caun case a phirmaund cannot soe soone be sued out for us to this Prince, and wish it could come ere Mr. Matthias Vincent leaves this place.

Wee are all in gen^{ll} here and in all other factories of your mind y^{t} when all endeavours are fruitless to procure us a ꝑmaund custome free y^{t} you then write to your Vacqueel to get one for releasement of the 3,000 rups. yearly paid in Hugly, as alsoe y^{t} we be troubled for custome no where but in Hugly as the Dutch are, and y^{t} they take our owne entries of our goods imported and exported, not to open, veiw, weigh or measure our sev^{ll} goods, otherwise tis impossible we can trade in these parts, to all w^{ch} we would have you add y^{t} a clause be incerted in said ꝑwanna y^{t} for what time is past no custome on any former acco^{t} whatsoever be demanded, but y^{t} we then begin to pay said custome on receipt of the beforementioned ꝑwanna, but we hope by God's blessing better things, and y^{t} it may yet please God y^{t} the Emperor may be induced to graunt us a ꝑmaund custome free. If as you write we can gett an order in case custome or a greater acknowledgement cannot be remitted to pay such a summe certaine or muckurrur at Hugly, it will alsoe have its excellent use, and y^{t} as above we may not be plagued either at Hugly by opening, &c., as aforesaid or within land, this alsoe we should very well approve off, as being yet much better then paying custome.

Your journalls and ledgers, &c., were remitted to Hugly. We are very glad you shall be able to send soe considerable a quantity of petre as 20,000 mds., and wish it could be increased to mds. 30,000, being soe much ordered by our Masters.

Wee note y^{t} Seif Caun is ordered your Suba. We wish he proves a good Governour and makes good the report of him; 'tis very difficult to get the mochelkee given Auzzum Caun out of his Mutsuddie's hands, it has not yet appeared and hope never will, y^{e} Prince haveing been here now upward of a month.

By a Dutch vessel w^{ch} left, the *Williamson*, Capt. Boss, Commander, at Madrass where expected the *Society* and *Nathaniel* all ships of about 600 tons (the *Ffalcon* being bound to rights for Ganges we received a copie of our master's gen^{ll} wherein they have left the ranking of their servants in these parts according to their orders sent the Worp^{ll} Agent and Councell in Madrass, of wh^{ch} letter we have yet noe copie. Joseph Hall and John Smith are dismissed their service, and what the Agent did at Cossumbazaar, &c., places well approved off. The goods they order to be procured in your factory are, *vzt.;* Saltpetre 1,000 tons, turmerick 100 tons, w^{ch} we order you to goe in hand to procure what you can thereof, and as soone as possible money shall be remitted you for y^{t} purpose, and to goe on with your next yeare's enordered investment w^{ch} is to be of the same goods. Our Masters have likewise enordered y^{t} the marke you make on their treble refined or white petre be made more plaine, it being quite worne out then it gets home soe y^{t} they receive loss thereby, and therefore we desire you to get it marked according to their injunctions.

Noe broadcloth came out this year or other woollen manufactures w^{ch} we advise you, in regard it will certainely rise in price, and you may accordingly governe yourselfes in its sale there. We call not else to minde, save to subscribe.

Your very loveing ffriends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
SAM^{L} HERVY.

We are not out of hopes of getting into our hand the mochelke given Auzzum Caun but shall endeavour it, and whereas you write of getting a letter from Shausteh Caun to this Prince in our behalfe to favour our business, we desire you alsoe to get a letter from the said Nabob to Hodgee Zoffe Caun, the King's Duan of Bengall here, w^{ch} may be of great advantage to our Masters' affaires in these parts, the customes, &c., being hereto in his hands.

Y^{dem}

M. VINCENT.

S. HERVY.

Decca, 3rd August 1678.

MR. EDWARD READE.

SIRS,

Our last to you was dated the 27th last month. We have since received yours of the 21st ditto, together wth the enclosed packett from the Worp^{ll}. Agent and Councell. We wish with you that the *Ffalcon* had come a little sooner when she might have been brought before the factory. Now she may be brought into some place alow in the river where she may lie out of the way of the streams till the freshes abate, and then she may be brought up; in the meanetime you had best take great care y^{t} our seamen doe not when come to Hugly frequent the Dutch quarters, least thereby inconveniences through quarrels between our seamen and theirs should arise.

The treasure as soone as it arrives you had best be sending it away to Cossumbazaar, there to be sold wth the first, yt we may be imbursed as soone as possible for our Masters' occations. The saltpetre you may contracting for, but you must remember y^{t} in all likelyhood the Dutch will have noe occation for any of y^{t} commodity this yeare haveing lately procured a dustuck for bringing down theirs from Pattana, both what stopped last year and what made this, w^{ch} will amount to between mds. 70 and 80,000 w^{ch} recommend to you.

Thomas Collins being lately deceased in Cossumbazar and they haveing no assistant left to copie out their bookes we order you immediately on receipt of this to send up Thomas Bromley thither for y^{t} occation.

Our Masters write for female-spotted deer for His Majesty w^{ch} pray look out to procure. What petre you shall buy of the sort called treble refind petre pray let the marke be made very plaine, our Masters advising y^{t} they receive damage by the marke wearing off the baggs ere they gott home.

Pray write to Ballasore and enquire whether sannoes of 16 yds. long such as were last sent for England on the *Eagle* and *Johanna* being sannoes of Mohumpore, Harrapore, and Surro sannoes may be gett cheaper then at y^{t} time, brought by 10 to 25 ꝑcent (as we advised our Masters might be done in our letter ꝑlast shipping if bought for ready money) y^{t} soe we might order a stock thither accordingly.

You will have seen that noe woollen manufacture is this yeare sent us and we thinking to make a contract for it all here desire you to part wth none of what remaine in the factory till you heare further from us about it.

We remaine

Your loveing ffriends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

SAM^{L}. HERVY.

Decca, 3rd August 1678.

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON, &c.

SIRS,

The 26th ultimo at night Mr. Matthias Vincent arrived hither, and haveing ever since been employed in visiting and prepareing the sev^{ll} great men in reference to our visiting the Prince, w^{ch} we fully intended to have done the 1st currant, but the weather proveing bad he satt not out and we did not got. In a day or two more hope to have an oportunity and to present him y^{t} soe we may be endeavouring for his Neshaun.

By a copie of the Hon^{ble} Companies letter, w^{ch} came by your way hither, you have seen what our Hono^{ble} employers require to be provided in your factory, w^{ch} we earnestly recommended to your care, and y^{t} all goods be packed according to their directions.

Wee are sorry to heare of the death of Tho. Collins. God in his mercy ℘pare us for our change. We have ordered Mr. Reade, &c., to send you up Tho. Bromley for your assistance in carrying out your books of acco^{ts} w^{ch} by Mr. Collins his sickness and death lay behind hand; and we desire you to send them to Hugly as soone as possible.

We remaine
Your loveing ffriends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
SAM^{LL} HERVY.

Decca, 17th August 1678, at night.

MR. EDWARD READE, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was dated the 3d currant to w^{ch} refer you, and have since received yours of the same date, w^{ch} had answered sooner but have scarce had time since its receipt but almost for our necessary repast and repose, having been wholey taken up day after day, the Sabboath excepted, in continuall following the Prince and other great officers of his Court. Now at last by our ℘swasion (the Government having been offered first to us but put off the best we could) Hugly is become part of the Prince's jaggeer, and we are assured as much of a Neshaun as we can, but till it is in our hands w^{ch} have hopes in five or six daies more will be effected; ℘sently after w^{ch} the Chief will leave this place and come to you. We are glad the *Ffalcon* was at Barnagur, and hope y^{t} she is long ere now before our factory, and y^{t} you have or will be able suddenly to prevaile wth some if not all the remaining Commanders to bring up their ships, alsoe w^{ch} we should be glad to have confirmed by you having left instructions with you to y^{t} purpose. We order if not already done y^{t} Ballasore may have its full share of gold for the investments appointed there, gold being here to be had at 13 rup. 2 an. ℘ mohur, and (if to be gold) cheaper. There will not be gott above 3 or 4,000 ps. of Cassoes and Mullmulls in this place to be returned this yeare, as we understand, to which will be necessary about rups. 20,000, w^{ch} if you can dispose of gold and silver there if to be paid here by bill better, and (because there will be great loss on Hugly money) pray doe, but alwaies observe both for your contracts there and in this ℘ticuler alsoe y^{t} you sell a proportion (bearing to the whole stock remaining of both) of gold and silver, and soe you may be given in hand to contract for Mullmulls of the desired lengths and breadths, and quantity of Romauls (w^{ch} must note be less then one covid and three-quarters wide), and what quantities you shall be able to get ready time enough (making your bargaine firme wth some words of more force then usuall) to goe on these ships, y^{t} is all to be in the house by the 10th of December next Pray advice away to Cossumbazar there to be till our arrival hither, and not to be sent forward hither for feare of missing the Chief in his way hence). What Mullmulls and Romauls contracted for in Hugly last yeare were deare, considering the contract was for money, wherefore pray take care in y^{t} ℘ticuler in this ℘sent enordered investment, and get the merchants' obligations drawn up strictly as to measure goodness and time, y^{t} soe we may not be put to the inconveniances of last yeare. You will have long, since received the invoice and bill of lading of ship *Ffalcon* from Cossumbazar, and we doubt not but you have received and housed all the goods come on her. Accordingly let noe one on any pretence whatsoever goe on board here to search or see what goods she brought, but we hope y^{t} controversly were off on your application to the

Droga of the Custome. Pray send up to this factory 10 p^{s} scarlet and 2 p^{s} fine green, there being absolute occation for them, and let the cloth be good and as free from worms as you can; alsoe send 40 p^{s} red and 20 p^{s} green ordinary broadcloth. The rest let lie till the Chief comes as formerly advised. If you cannot dispose of treasure as expected at Hugly for your own and this factories investment then send all to Cossumbazar to be sold there or minted at Rajamaul, w^{ch} they shall find most for our Masters' advantage, and accordingly advise them, and if assistants come downe on these ships send them a factor and an assistant or two extraordinary. Wee call not else to mind save y^{t} we are

Your loving ffriends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
SAM^{LL} HERVY.

Those four boyes sent out if they can write anything tollerably as many of them as can you may imploy them in coppying, &c., till a better supply of writers can be had.

The ordinary broadcloth 60 p^{s} you may omitt sending except 6 h. ps. of green w^{ch} send away, and if you can sell the treasure there as above said then send away 20,000 rups. to this factory being what at & sent requisite.

Y^{dem}
M. VINCENT.
S. HERVY.

Decca, 17th August 1678.

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was of the 3rd currant: yours of the 2nd ditto have since received, together with the Hono^{ble} Companies packett and the abstract of goods come on the *Ffalcon*. You did very advised in taking out and remitting to Hugly said ship's invoice and bill of lading. What treasure sent you from Hugly pray sell or mint as may be most for our Masters' advantage. We haveing given necessary orders about said, thither here none will sell or mint by reason of the stop on the mint here, as soone as you possibly can pray remitt hither to the amo^{t} of rupees 20,000 and to Pattana rupees 40,000 and to Hugly as they shall advise, w^{ch} if they omitt to doe pray write to them about it on your receipt of treasure thence.

Our Neshaun after much trouble and expence we hope now to have in few daies, when the Chief will immediately sett out hence and intends to take your factory, God willing, in the way. We having received noe orders yet concerning Maulda from the Agency, can say little to it though ꝑceive our Masters doe intend an investment there, wherefore you may if you can be preparing in reference to y^{t} against advices shall come. Remaine

Your loving ffriends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
SAM^{LL} HERVY.

If you find it will take up much time to sell or mint the treasure you may send up to the amount of 40 or 50,000 rups. to Pattana in specie, a proportion of gold and silver as you have received them from Hugly.

Y^{dem}
M. VINCENT.
S. HERVY.

Decca, 17th August 1678.

MR. RICHARD EDWARDS, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was dated the 3rd currant to which refer you. We have since received yours of the 24th ultimo, together wth the Hono^{ble} Companies packett by the *Ffalcon*. We doe not heare y^{t} your entries are yet arrived in Hugly, which if not done by this, we shall much admire at and condemne you for, but we hope all the last yeare's work is done, and that you are busy about what enordered for this shipping. The Prince's Neshaun hope to have in few daies more when the Chief immediately intends hence to Hugly where you shall further heare from him.

We remaine
Your loving ffriends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
SAM^{LL} HERVY.

Decca, 24th August 1678.

MR. EDWARD READE, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was dated the 17th currant to w^{ch} refer you. We have since received yours of the 13th ditto and are glad the ship *Ffalcon* is safely arrived before the factory, and pray God to restore you all to your healths being sorry to heare you are sickly in those parts. We note y^{t} you have sent the sloopes wth Richard Frenchfeild againe to Ballasore Roade, and have hopes they may returne accompanied with one or two of the other Europe ships. We feare want of health in Ballasore may have occationed the backwardness of business there. We have wrote effectually some daies since hither y^{t} if not already done they immediately send you there last entries y^{t} soe all accounts may finished as touching the Hono^{ble} Company treasure. We refer you to our last as also for the investment to be made by you in Hugly. We had rather you had sent up Tho. Bromley (who is a writer and writes as good a hand as Thos. Collins did) then Jeremiah Peachy, who is a factor, our orders being positive for the former and not generally to be overruled but where somewhat extraordinary requires it, in w^{ch} case tis very adviseable soe to doe. However since Jeremiah Peachy is there he may stay to coppy out those bookes and then returne to Hugly. In the meane time you may send up Thos. Bromley on receipt of this, and one or two of those boys y^{t} come out to serve on the sloopes, if they can write, to assist in Cossumbazar till better supply can be had, and we hope there will be from the Coast. Wee shall take care concerning Seerbunds and Reangges here, they being neither of them of the manufacture of Ballasore. As soone as the Prince setts out againe, w^{ch} he has done but once these five daies, and then so little time as y^{t} his officers missed the oportunity of speaking to him concerning us, we hope to have an order for our Neshaun w^{ch} on all hands is promised us (though hindred what possible by the Dutch here by order as is reported from Hugly) and then in very few daies the Chief intends, God willing hence. The port of Hugly is certainly the Prince's jaggeer as in our last advise you, and we know not whether wth convenience to our Masters' affairs we shall be able to refuse the Government of Hugly, but if we doe accept it we shall endeavour y^{t} it be as much as possibly without danger of damage to their business. We hope your Droga and Mushariffe will be more civil. It will noe waies we assure them be for they advantage y^{t} we complaine to Hodgee Zoffe Caun, the King's Duan, concerning them wh^{ch} had you advise sooner we would have done, and he being Our friend should have had remedy, but now 'tis to noe purpose it being the Prince's jaggeer in w^{ch} and thence all over Bengal his Neshaun protects us from all abuses of this kind. We call not else to mind save y^{t} we are.

Your very loveing ffriends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
SAM^{LL} HERVY.

The Chirurgeon's chest sent us on the *Ffalcon* we desire may be carefully housed soe y^{t} nothing may be wanting of what came therein, that our Chirurgeon may survey it, and we from him may given acco^{t} thereof to our Hono^{ble} Masters accordingly.

Y^{dem}.
M. VINCENT.
S. HERVY.

Dacca, 7th September 1678.

MR. EDWARD READE, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was of the 24th ultimo, since w^{ch} we have received none from you, and have onely to advise y^{t} after sev^{ll} interpossres and hindrances given us (as approved to us on pretty good testimony) by Gungaram, the Dutch Vaqueel, we had the 4th currant overcome all by our seasonable application to the Prince's Duan and to Hodgee Zoffee Caun, y^{t} in a few daies our Neshaun would have been ready, but the 5th currant at night came a ℘maund from the King to Hodgee Zoffee Caun in answer to thee letter concerning us, and the next day our Vaqueel goeing to him to get the ℘wanna he had promised and ordered us sealed, he told him y^{t} the King had ordered us to be custome free, and y^{t} a coppy of a ℘maund ordered or graunted our Vaqueel at Dilly was come also to him. Y^{t} we are to pay 2 ℘ cent only at Surratt, and rups. 3,000 yearly in Hugly, on which we are now drawing out a new ℘wanna for the Duan to give us, and thereon the Prince's Neshaun will alsoe by God's blessing naturall follow soe yt in a very few daies Matthias Vincent hopes to be comeing hence. Wee call not else to mind at ℘sent soe rest

Your loveing ffriends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
SAM^{LL} HERVY.

Dacca, 18th September 1678.

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON, &c.

SIRS,

Yours of the 9th currant came to hands yesterday, together wth the bill of exchange for rups. 10,000, w^{ch} we shall this day present and hope the remaining 10,000 rups. ordered for this factory will suddenly follow.

Wee are sorry to heare of the death of Mr. George Knipe and wth you beseech God that lives may be a preparation for our change. By ℘ticular letters, alsoe we understand y^{t} George Perrin is deceased in Ballasore, Enclosed we have sent you two copies chapaned* by the Cazzee of this place of a ℘wanna given us by Hodgee Zoffee Caun, the King's Duan here for our free trade in Bengall and Orixa w^{ch} is authentiq^{e} to all intents in the Colsa or King's rents. One of them you may keep for your factory use, the other pray dispeed immediately wth a line or two in gen^{ll} to Ballasore. Y^{e} Neshaun tho' ordered and promised on all hands according to the King's order we have not yet received, such are the delaies of this corrupt Durbar. Wee call not else to mind but y^{t} we are

Your very loveing ffriends,
MATT^{S}. VINCENT.
SAM^{LL}. HERVY.

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* Chapaned, properly chhap., incorrectly chop, corruptly chop—H. A stamp; a seal. The impression of a stamp or seal. The Government stamp on papers or on coins. A mark in on weights and measures to shew their accuracy. The custom house stamp on goods having paid duty, &c. In Delhie the word is also applied to a small bundle of thorns about a foot high.—*Wilson's Glossary of Indiun Terms.*

Decca, 20th September 1678.

MR. EDWARD READE, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was dated the 7th, currant, since which we have received yours off the 31st ultimo, together with the two bales qt 10 y^{s} scarlet and 2 p^{s} fine green, and wish you had alsoe sent the course green cloth w^{ch} we desire may be four h^{a} peices ꝑ the next oportunity, not to send a boat on purpose therewith. The invoice you sent wth these last goods we received but order y^{t} another be drawn out from the English and ffort. Invoices of those pieces you may prized them according to the rates of the same sort sent some y^{e} other yeare w^{ch} alsoe you may doe in y^{t} ꝑcell of 17 bales of broad cloth you sent up some time since if occation soe require. You then advised y^{t} they contained 102 halfe peices but we in opening found y^{m} but 101 ps., the piece wanting is red. Pray make good enquire there and advise the needfull sending a full invoice both for y^{t} cloth and the fine cloth in one. The Prince's Neshaun after may delaies occasioned corruption of this Durbar now wants nothing but chauping. We hope in the meanetime our Masters' invest^{mts} wth you are in good forwardness according to their orders and what we noted to you in ours of the 17th last month. Haveing not else to add we remaine.

Your loveing ffriends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.
SAM^{LL} HERVY.

Decca, 28th September 1678.

MR. JOB CHARNOCK, &c.

LOVEING FRIENDS,

Our last to you was dated the 3rd ultimo, to w^{ch} we refer you. Since that date received none from you. Of our success here we some time agone gave order to our friends at Cossumbazar to give you a small acco^{t} and it hath pleased God soe for to bless our endeavours as y^{t} the Prince's Neshaun for our free trade in Bengall, &c., is changed. The Chief now staying here onely for his dispatch. The said Neshaun was brought the asier to pass, and penned more in our favour by reason of an husbull hookum[*] lately received from the King by Hodgee Zoffee Caun, his Duan, on an arydasht made by him to the King concerning us, there being wth said husbull hookum sent a copie of Sha Jehaun's ꝑmaund given us in the 24th yeare of his reigne for our being custome free all over his dominions except Surratt, and all alsoe a copie of Jaffer Caun's, the Vizier's ꝑwanna graunted us by order of the King in the ningth yeare of his reigne for our paying 3 ꝑ cent custome in Surratt, &c., together with a copie of a Phirmaund granted us by Aurung Zeb himself in the tenth yeare of his reigne for our paying custome at Surratt, &c., at the rate of 2 ꝑ cent, all which the King himselfe has interpreted to reach these parts, ordering the Duan y^{t} we pay custome in no other place of his dominions save 2 ꝑ cent on the Surratt side together wth rups. 3,000 yearly acknowledgement at Hugly, w^{ch} being laid together we incline to be of the opinion y^{t} the King will not give us any new ꝑmaund for Bengall apart, nor will there be any great necessity y^{t} we can yett see for it he himselfe having interpreted his fathers and his own ꝑmaunds soe much in our favour, and this Prince's Neshaun being grounded thereon, and very positive for our not paying custome in these countries; soe y^{t} we judge, if from the Vacqueel at Dilly, some copies attested or chauped by the great Cazzee of y^{t} court to the number of five, could be procured the three papers above mentioned, or at least of Aurung Zeb's ꝑmaund granted us in the 10th yeare of his reigne aforesaid, we can apprehend noe necessity of a new ꝑmaund for our Masters' affaires in these parts, esteeming them now laid on a pretty sure foundation during this King's reigne, and therefore when the mentioned attested copies of these three papers shall be procured as above discussed, we judge there will be no further occation of your Vacqueel at Dilly, but y^{t} he may bring them unto you, the business he was sent thither upon being soe happily accomplished, but of this you may except further advices from us at Hugly, in w^{ch} interim recommend it to your consideration and desire your opinion in the whole, and if you joining wth us you may recall him immediately.

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[*] Hush-bull-bookum, properly Hashul hukm,. Hush-bool-hookm, corruptly Husbulhookam—H. According to command. The initial words and then the title, of a document issued agreeably to Royal authority, by the Vizier or other high officer of the Government.—*Wilson's Glossary of Indian Terms.*

In a gen^{ll} letter received eight daies since in this place, your Worp^{ll} Agent and Councell have been pleased to write in a clause (w^{ch} concerns the ꝑsent settlement of the Hono^{ble} Compa.'s servants in Bengall) concerning Mr. Job Charnock in these words, *viz.* "The Hono^{ble} Company haveing ordered us to "fill up the Councell here by calling up the second of Metchlepatam or the Bay, "according to their established rules, we doe find according to the settlement "they have now made y^{t} it fall to Mr. Matts. Vincent's turne as second in the "Bay by the Comp$^{a's}$ list to fill up the Councell at the ffort, and we looke "upon him as such, but Mr. Clavell, whome the Hono^{ble} Company have appointed "Chief of the Bay being dead, the fourth, fifth, or sixth of the ffort Councell is "to be appoined Chief of the Bay, soe y^{t} if Mr. Vincent were heare amongst us "it would fall to him, and therefore we have appointed him to be Chief of the Bay "so that we are still wanting of one to supply the fifth place of Councell here, "and we find it falls next to Mr. Job Charnock as second in the Bay to fill up y^{t} "place, and therefore we offer it to him according to the Hon'o^{ble} Companies "orders to come up to supply the fifth place in Councell here, and if he had rather "remaine as he is Chief at Pattana he must then signifie soe much in writing "under his hand to be sent to yourselfes and us; if Mr. Charnock doe except of "this offer to come up to take the fifth place in Councell here then we leave it "to you to find either Mr. Edwards or Mr. Peacock to be Chief at Pattana, and "if you send Mr. Edwards to be Chief at Pattana then we appoint Mr. Peacock "to be Chief at Ballasore and Mr. Ffytche Nedham to be fourth at Hugly, he "being next in degree to succeed into y^{t} Councell, and we desire you in this "ꝑticuler to have noe respect to ꝑsons or to any other interest save the "Hono^{ble} Companies, but to send wh^{ch} of them two to Pattana you find most "fitt and capable to manage y^{t} business, it being of great importance to the "Hono^{ble} Company affaires, and will very much concerne our own reputa-"tions to have an able man to secure the saltpeter investments yearly; and if "Mr. Charnock resolves to leave y^{t} place we think it necessary y^{t} the person "you appoint to succeed him should be up there and receive all needfull advices "from Mr. Charnock in y^{t} affaire before he leaves it, and in such case we "expect and desire Mr. Charnock would returne to us upon those ships; but if "he refuse this offer and had rather remaine in Pattana he must give such his "refusall in writing under his hand as aforesaid, and upon notice thereof we "shall then consider to call in such an one whose turne tis next either at "Metchlepatam, or in the Bay to be of Councell here."

All which we leave to your consideration and doe desire and expect Mr. Charnock's full and possitive answer in the premises, y^{t} we may advise the Worp^{ll} Agent and Councell, and if occation be take timely s^{d} orders about settlement of y^{t} factory.

Wee heare nothing of your having dispeeded the saltpeter to Hugly, w^{ch} we admire at, though hope y^{e} first ꝑcell may ere this be at nigh y^{t} place, and y^{t} the latter ꝑcell may alsoe be gott ready and sent downe time enough to be in Hugly by the latter end of next month.

The 20th currant we had advise here of the arrival of the *Williamson*, the *Society*, and *Nathaniel*, all ships of about 600 tons burthen. The *Ffalcon* as you will have already heard came up before Hugly factory the 6th ultimo and rides there. We feare noe other of the ships will be induced up this yeare for want of necessary orders from their owners, the commanders themselfes seeming otherwise very willing to adventure. In ours of the 3rd last month we advised what goods our Hono^{ble} Masters required from your factory to be sent home by these ships w^{ch} we hope you have gotten ready. We call not else to mind at present, hoping suddenly to heare from you

We remaine

Your loveing ffriends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

SAM^{LL} HERVY.

Copies of the two prementioned Phirmaunds and ꝑwanna, together wth the King's husbull hookum to Hodgee Zoffee Caun, his Duan here, came inclosed according to w^{ch} you may order your Vacqueel at Court to get copies attested as aforesaid.

Y^{dem}.

M. V.

S. H.

Cossumbazar, 8th October 1678.

MR. SAMUEL HERVY, &c.

SIRS,

The 6th instant the Chief arrived here in safety and this day proceeds towards Hugly. Mr. John Pounsett being by the Worp^{ll} Agent and Counsell appointed third of your factory, we have dispeeded him to you and doe order y^{t} he be employed by you in the said quallity, and y^{t} you deliver to him the warehouse, &c., and charges gen^{ll} according to the order made in consultation here in Cossumbazar when the Agent was present.

The 26th past month there was remitted to you hence 10,701 rups. in three bills which hope ere this you will have remitted into your cash.

The bookes of your factory are yet wanting w^{ch} let be sent to Hugly as soone as possible, the gen^{ll} bookes for the Bay lying as yet open, w^{ch} we would willing have closed now suddenly.

We remaine

Your loveing ffriends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

EDW^{D}. LITTLETON.

Hugly, 14th October 1678.

MR. RICHARD EDWARDS.

ESTEEMED FRIEND,

Yours of the 30th past month arrived hither the 9th currant, and was not answered because the Chief was daily expected, and the 10th instant he arrived hither with the Prince's Neshaun for our Masters' tradeing custome free.

Wee have received your last entries but suppose you omitted to put up your cash acco^{ts} for none came in the packett.

You doe very well to prize the goods, and pray hasten to sort all and gett them ready as soone as you can. If Cullian Ray bring in goods for the Hono^{ble} Company upon his debit he will receive money for them, w^{ch} will be the same as if he receive ready money from Mr. Clavell for his debt to him. Wee hope they are in good forwardness and will suddenly be both here, else they will not come to doe service this moonsoone, wherefore pray hasten them to be finished as soone as may be.

Wee now order you to make an outcry of Mr. Perrin's goods and necessaries, and keep a just acco^{t} of the sales, advising all that buy y^{t} they must pay ready money.

The acco^{t} of treasure and goods landed wth you we have received, but by it cannot ꝑfect an invoice till you send acco^{t} of the tin in baggs and barrells, totanague and copper-plates, how many q^{t} each con^{ts} the markes not being you say to be discovered therefore sent the weight ꝑfirst.

When Noorala Caun arrives with you he must be visited and presented as customary to other Nabobs, and you must then sollicit^{e} him for his ꝑwanna according as his predecessors has given us.

Our Hon^{ble} Masters desire in all 10,000 rups. Sannoes of 32 covits long and doe not signifie their pleasures of haveing more of one sort then another, wherefore you may receive them from the merchants in proportions as equal as you can of the 3 sorts, *viz.*, Harrapore, Mohunpor, and Surasaunos.

Though you write now for fuller orders concerning the providing of couloured Ginghams and Nillies, yet we hope you understand them before soe well as y^{t} our Masters will not faile of the full quantities of each they enorder *viz.*, coloured Ginghams (of divers cloth colours) 10,000 rups., and as many peices of Nillies, and we are glad to heare you shall be able to gett them at near the same abatomts. you doe sannas, *viz.*, about 25 ꝑ cent., and upon those, or as good terms as you possibly can make, you may deliver out money as you see occation to such of the towne merchants as we usually deale withall, and those whome you find in good creditt and repute, and what goods you can putt of to any of them, you must prize at the bazar rates as if sold for ready money and not otherwise yt the merchants may not pretend anything to raise their goods the higer for taking ours. Wee have lately had advice from Mr. Charnock yt he can provide noe purwanna at Pattana, the season being passed, wherefore we order you to buy thereof what possible between the arrivall of this and the 10th December next, not exceeding 100 tons; and alsoe we order you to provide as much of the blackest stick lack as you can by the same time, not exceeding 150 tons, and for paying for all the above-mentioned goods you must sell the Hon^{ble} Companies Royalls and gold at best. rates. Possibly you can, and put yt of to the merchts. for their goods wch will be at something better rate then to sell to sheroffs, for we from hence are not able to supply you with money, being in most places forced to take up at interest for our Masters' occations whilst their gold and silver is united. If you can agree for 4 or 5,000 ps. of Casharree Romauls to be ready by the 10th December next (or can buy any ready made, we order you to procure them of the sorts usually sent home from 5 to 6½ rups. ꝑ peice.

Wee take notice what answer the merchants give concerning Mr. Frenchfeild and shall accordingly doe him right, he haveing sent up and landed there all our Masters' treasure and goods. As we ordered him he may take the first oportunity to come up hither and we would have you advise him to bring up his necessaries alsoe, being occation for his remove all to Dacca factory.

Wee observe what you write concerning the punch-houses and would have you take order to hinder all above two or three from selling punch and oblige the others yt are necessary to entertaine seamen yt they shall none but what is made with factory arrack; yt they make the best for our people and not kill them wth dutry, &c., and it would be well if you could alsoe make a moderate price with those punch-houses you suffer yt they may not exact and abuse the seamen, and for Andrew Ramsey, who has been soe abusive and done soe much mischief among the natives and others, we order you to put him in irons and send him aboard the *Admirall* to be carried to the ffort, and understanding yt one John Vanderaell, who lately running from the English service to Dacca, and there being not knowne, finding kind entertainment in yt factory in the night opened a serittore of Mr. Nedham's, and stole out 25 or 26 goldmohours. We now alsoe in Ballasore we order you to put him in irons and send him aboard the *Vice-Amirall* to be carried to the ffort, resolving not to suffer any such base rogues and things to escape unpunished, or to live here amongst us.

Mr. Bugden and his brother-in-law have made a complaint to us of some injustice done them by Mr. John Smith in seizure of some of his goods lately come from Maldives wherein they allege Mr. Edwards has bin instrumentall in assisting Mr. Smith. We are unwilling to believe any such charge should stick to either ꝑson and order yt you send us your reply thereto ꝑ next till when we shall suspend our further censures and orders therein.

If the writers and seamen are not yet come away you may detaine Charles Eyres for the assistence of yt factory and send up all the rest, and we order Mr. Peacock to provide himself to come hither when we advise him intending as soon as conveniently we can to send Mr. Byam for second and Mathew Sheppard for third of yt. factory.

Wee earnestly recommend to you to hasten what possible the investment this yeare enordered in Ballasore yt the ships may not be detained on that score longer then the 19th or 16th of December.

Wee order you to be punctuall and frequent in your correspondency and advises on all occations of our Hono^{ble} Masters' affaires.

The Hono^{ble} Company have ordered y^{t} Mr. John Smith be discharged their service and sent for England by these ships, or to the ffort, there to remain one yeare longer if he desires it. We order you in publiq to acquaint him therewith, and let him know we expect his complyance with said orders.

Mr. Perrin lately deceased tooke the acco^{t} of Mr. Rutton's outcry, and we would have you look amongst his papers for the same, and send it up to us ꝑ the next.

With ours of the 15th June last we sent you an acco^{t} received from Mr. Frenchfield of the prizes of embaleing materialls, and have now returned the acco^{t} you sent us given in by the merchants, y^{t} you may compare y^{m} together, and advise us if any difference be therein. Wee desire you to gett ten or twelve good skins of vellum or parchment, and send us ꝑ first, being wanted for covers to bookes. We call not else to mind. Rest

Your loveing ffriends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

EDW^{D} READE.

EDM^{D} BUGDEN.

Acquaint Mr. Frenchfield y^{t} the totanague from the *Society* came out here but 299 peices, soe y^{t} he must demand one peice more.

Hugly, 19th October 1678.

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON, &c.

SIRS,

Wee wrote you yesterday by the treasure boates when sent 21 chests bullion, amounting as ꝑ invoice then omitted but now enclosed sent you, to rupees 1,63,995-6-9, being glad you have come to an agreement with a merchant there to take your silver according as it comes out finer or courser at the standard of Royalls of $\frac{8}{8}$. The Chief here has made sev^{ll} essaies while he was at Cossumbazar and alwaies found Royalls better then Standard by half a ruttee in a rupee wth which is neerest $1\frac{1}{2}$ d^{wt} better, according to which you may make your agreement, and if at mint at Rajamaul it should come out as good as Royalls (which you may take care to be informed off) you may account with your merchant accordingly, and will not be difficult we suppose to make your agreement somewhat in this nature, it being the first of this sort y^{t} was ever contracted; but if it comes out well as we hope it will there will be the less trouble in disposeing our Masters' silver in the future, since if the merchants can be brought to take it upon the creditt of our invoice there will yearly be much time saved wh^{ch} now we are faine to spend and most times fruitlessly in making essaies, &c. The barrell of arnotto and No. P. and the barrell of potashes No. K. shall write to Ballasore. Concerning one of the beames and scales sent out ꝑ this shipping we have sent on the boates with the treasure.

What cochaneel came instead of soape, as formerly we advice to England, you may send us downe reserving soe much of it as you shall have occation, for our Masters haveing ordered us to send it by some conveyance to Surratt. We call not else to mind at ꝑsent save y^{t} we are

Your very loveing ffriends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.

If you can on the abovementioned contract for treasure receive and furnish us with 20 or 30,000 rupees. it would doe exceeding well the Hono^{ble} Company investment in this factory exceedingly requireing it.

Y^{dem}
M. VINCENT.
E. READE.
E. BUGDEN.

Hugly, 20th October 1678.

MR. JOB CHARNOCK, &c.

LOVEING FRIENDS,

Our last to you was of the 28th ultimo, since which on the 10th currant Mr. Matt^{s} Vincent arrived hither wth the Prince's Neshaun, coppy of w^{ch} comes inclosed, one chauped by the Cazzee of Decca shall, God willing, suddenly follow; the saltpeter boats (two of which it pleased God were cast away coming downe to wth 1,375 baggs fine peter) are now all unleaden and the number agrees with the acco^{t} you sent thereof. We earnestly expect the 3,000 mds. you write off, and hope in a little time to see y^{t} ꝑcell herewith some addition made thereto. We are very sorry to heare of the troubles and affronts mentioned y^{t} you have met with in yours of the 6th ultimo, and doe hope Zeif Caun's Governmt. will after a little settlement make good his first character. As for the Prince's people abusing you, it might in some measure be expected, they making the best of their markets, their master being soe far distant while their Government lasted.

Wee hope what wanting in the quantity of peter desired and ordered by our Masters this yeare, will through you being timely furnished with stock and the government of your parts a little better setled be got ready the next; we have alwaies thought this the time of yeare for turmerick, and have written to Ballasore as well as to you to procure some. Broadcloth we hope will rise there being none come out of England this yeare, nor for what we understannd will the next stock we have enordered in specie from Cossumbazar, and shall now write them to make what last they sent you to the amo^{t} of rups. 60,000, and as the treasure now sent all thither shall come forth of the mint (for we can sell little or none) you shall not faile to be furnished with the full stock enordered to y^{t} factory. Those commodities wee sent you up had as good lie still wth you as here, besides y^{t} we find y^{t} goods being dispersed some into every factory doe goe off insensibly. The Prince's Government what it may prove in Bengall we know not. He seemes hitherto to take great notice and stand in much awe of his father's orders. We wish he continues noe more then he has begun, he being at ꝑsent very favourable to our business in these parts; as soon as you can soe desire you to send us an invoice of the peter, &c., Papers as formerly written you concerning the Vacqueel at Dilly, and the great demands (he advices you) are made him for procuring the King's ꝑmaund for our treading custome free in India we shall forbear speaking anything till heare what your opinion is, whither it does not hit with ours as sent you in ours of the 28th ultimo; we all judgeing y^{t} there is no great need of more then we have, if we can but gett copies attested or chauped by the Cazzee of Dilly of the ꝑmaunds, ꝑwanna, and the King's late husbull hookum, thereupon to y^{e} Duan of Bengall, according to the copies of each of them lately sent you, being halfe certaine that wherever in Bengall the Prince's Neshaun shall prove of small force the King's ꝑmaund will signifie nothing.

If we could have disposed of any amo^{t} of treasure either at Cossumbazar or any other place hereabouts, we should never have troubled you wth treasure in specie; but since it could not be, we chose this way that the worke being in many hands may the sooner be done, and since treasure, especially gold, is in so low esteem at ꝑsent, tis good the Hono^{ble} Company should see the markett of every place for taking up money at interest where our Masters' occations doe absolutely require it, there is a standing order in such case it being very adviseable.

*If you can possibly gett 3 or 4,000 mds., or a greater or lesser quantity of saltpeter ready to send thence (more then what you have already advised us off) soe as to arrive hither by the end of December, it would be a good piece of service to the Comp^{a} in that we could send it up to the ffort by the sloopes there to ly for a bantam or homeward ship the next yeare; this thing is very much and often urged by our Masters, and therefore we desire you to stir in it, and advice us in time y^{t} we may order the sloopes to come and ly at Hugly the earlier in expectation thereof. We call not else to mind save y^{t} we are

Your very loveing ffriends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

EDW^{D} READE.

EDM^{D} BUGDEN.

Hugly, 20th October 1678.

MR. SAMUELL HERVY, &c.

SIRS,

Wee have received yours of the ꝑmo and 4th currant, Mr. Matt^{s}. Vincent arriving hither the 10th currant, and are sorry you missed the chauped copies of ꝑmands, this husbull hookum, &c. We must therefore now expect them from Surratt or Dilly, to both w^{ch} places we shall write and take order concerning them. We should be glad to heare you had procured a dustuck for coynage at your mint, and y^{t} it were obeyed acccording to former use and custome. The coconutts and long nulls we have againe written to Ballasore about, where we suppose they may be ready to come ꝑ the next oportunity. Wee note your receipt of a bill for rups $6,091\frac{3}{4}$ acco^{t} our Hono^{ble} Masters as alsoe that you are receiving the 10,000 rups sent by bill for said acco^{t} from Cossumbazar, and y^{t} you are paying money on acco^{t} to the brokers whose cloth you have in the house, and are about looking over. We hope the second rups 10,000 sent you lately from Cossumbazar may now be accepted and received alsoe.

Wee are not sorry for Mellick Cassum's being turned out of the government of this place, and have hopes by your writing y^{t} he has now nothing but his Munssub left that he is likewise outed from Ballasore too.

We have written to Ballasore for those timbers you shall want for the pent house, and as soon as they come shall send them forward.

Pray send away four attested copies of the Prince's Neshaun, y^{t} w^{ch} Mr. Matt^{s} Vincent brought with him being left at Cossumbazar, and we being forced for want of copies to send the originall or nothing, the copies attested by a towns Cazzee availing little in the country.

Wee have appointed Mr. Ffytch Nedham to be second of Cossumbazar, Mr. Frenchfield second of Dacca, and Mr. Matt^{w} Sheppard third of Ballasore. We desire Mr. Nedham may, as soon as possible, be sent away to his charge, but you may detaine Matt^{w} Sheppard till Mr. Frenchfield and another writer can arrive with you, we haveing written for the former from Ballasore where he now is. Wee have enclosed sent you a bill of exchange payable at sight for rups. 6,000 acco^{t} of Hono^{ble} Masters for which pray give acco^{t} current credit, w^{ch} is all at ꝑsent from

Your loveing ffriends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.

Hugly, 21st October 1678.

GEORGE HERRON.

Haveing of late had notherly winds and faire weather, the full moon being over gives us hopes y^{t} the moonsoone may be changed and therefore we have laden y^{e} ketch *Arrivall* with the Hon^{ble} Companies saltpeter, and upon receipt hereof we order you to goe on board her and proceed for Ballasore roade wth as convenient speed as may be, but because the season of the yeare makes the weather somewhat uncertaine, we order you to take especiall heed before you proceed out from the Isle of Cocks, and take the fittest time according to the best of your judgement, and when it pleases God you arrive in Ballasore roade, we order you if the weather be faire to put seven hundred and fifty baggs of peter into the *Williamson*, the rest on board the *Society*, but in case the weather should be likely to prove bad then put all the peter on board the *Williamson*, if can, else on the first English ships you can, or as much of it as possible, and taking a convenient ladeing of lead from the Europe ships returne into the river againe as soone as you can, and hasten up hither wth all convenient speed. We wish you a safe voyage and remaine

Your loveing ffriends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.

Capt. Thomson takes his passage on your sloope to Ballasore roade to whome we order you to give the best accommodation the vessel affords.

Y^{dem}

M. V.
E. R.
E. B.

Hugly, 25th October 1678

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was dated the 20th currant, since w^{ch} we have from aboard y^{e} *Ffalcon* mett with a throwster * John Elliot by name, who saies he served nine years to the trade and has been a foreman of a shop. We have sent him up to you to make tryall as far as you have oportunity of his skill. If you think he may doe our Masters good service there, the Commander is willing to part with him. If you doe not find him for your turne send him againe hither. However you may about the latter end of November let him come downe to cleare himself if he staies from the ship, or if otherwise to proceed upon her. We call not else to mind at ꝑsent save y^{t} we are

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* "Notwithstanding the care taken in reeling the silk from the cocoons, and forming several threads into one, it is not ready for the weaver, but has to undergo the processes called collectively *throwing*. In this country, this is a special trade, the silk *throwster* usually conducting it in large mills with extensive machinery" . . . . . (He then enumerates several processes and goes on) "*doubling* is the next process, and this consists in running off a number of bobbins of twisted silk on to one bobbin of a larger size, which is put into the *throwing* machine, when the ends of the doubled silk are passed through a smooth hole on to a large reel, which re-winds it into hanks, but twisting the threads into a fine cord as it goes from the bobbins to the reel. This operation of *throwing* derives its name from the Saxon *thrawan*, to whirl or twist."—*Extract from Chamber's Encyclopædia, 1886, vol. viii, p. 726.*

Your very loveing ffriends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

EDW^{D} READE.

Hugly, 28th October 1678.

MR. SAMUELL HERVY, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was dated the 20th currant to w^{ch} refer you, since w^{ch} we have received yours of the 15th ditto, and hope y^{t} you have received all the money remitted you by bill from Cossumbazar, and y^{t} by virtue of what orders the Chief left with you, the first imprest to your weavers for cloth against next year is accomplished. We are sory you can bring your mint affaire to noe good upshott, in w^{ch} respective we shall not order you any gold or silver in spiecie from Cossumbazar as we once intended and agreed on in consultation; the stop upon the mint surely we think cannot continue much longer in y^{t} there will be occation for the Prince's pice and then he must make them currant.

Barnardo^{ss} will, we feare, prove a bad Governour at Muxadavad, he being as you write reputed an ill-humored and a very covetous ꝑson soe y^{t} we hope they will yett find him an employ somewhere else further off from our business. We wish Mellick Cassum had continued as you last advised out of place, but we have hopes his string is pulled, he haveing nothing but his ffouzdarry left is this place.

Your bookes we hope are on the way and papers: we shall want them to close our gen^{ll} bookes, they standing open to this day.

We are

Your very loveing ffriends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

EDW^{D} READE.

Just as we were shutting up these came youres of the 18th currant wth the three attested copies of the Prince's Neshaun and the acco^{t} of the expence of the Seerpaws given last wth the Neshaun. We should be hugely glad to have your newes of Hodgee Zoffee Caun confirmed. Much doubting the truth hereof

Y^{dem}

M. V.

E. R.

Hugly, 29th October 1678.

MR. RICHARD EDWARDS, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was of the 14th currant, since w^{ch} we have none from you. These are chiefly to enorder you to call your banian Horrechurne and enquire of him where those twenty-six iron gunns of the Hono^{ble} Companies are, y^{t} come on the *Johannah* and *Loyall Subject* and have laine soe long unsold by reason of their being honeycombed and broken. These pray let be well veiwed by the Commanders now there, and take an attestation of the quallities of them, that is, how many are broken and how many honeycombed under said Commanders firmes to be sent to our Hono^{ble} Masters for their satisfaction; alsoe enquire strictly of Horrechurne how many of them came out of the one ship and how many out of the other. The Hono^{ble} Company are expecting there is some abuse put upon them in the thing, they never as they this year write haveing sent out any such gunns.

Wee order you to provide forty mds. of bees' wax and three butts of the best double distilled arrack for the Coast to be sent up on these ships.

Wee this day understood by the Dutch from Decca y^{t} Jan Espell, who was merchant of the ship *Carolus Quintus* w^{ch} sunck lately in her returne from Achin is clapt up in prison at Dacca on pretence of not suffering some of the said ship's laskars to come into the boate when they left the ship in the sea, or thrusting them out when they crowded aboord more then the boat could carry, but suppose on the Dutch presenting their Piscath he will be gett off. However we have hinted this to you y^{t} you may order John Knowleman to keep on boord the English ships or otherwise out of the way till this matter be over, in y^{t} though nothing can be thereupon done to the Dutch or us yet they may give us both trouble, of w^{ch} we shall be more sensible at this busy time of the yeare then at any other. Hopeing to heare suddenly from you, we remaine

Your loveing ffriends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

EDW^{D} READE.

A copy of the new Neshaun chauped or attested by the Cazzee of Dacca have herewith sent you.

Y^{dem}

M. V.

E. R.

Hugly, 31st October 1678.

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON, &c.

RESPECTED FRIENDS,

Our last to you was dated the 25th currant. We have since received yours of the 26th ditto. and are glad the 21 chests treasure are safely arrived with you. If merchant will not take standard silver at less then 2dwt. worse then Royalls of $\frac{8}{8}$, and you doe refer it to an essay to be made at Rajamaul, let it not be refered to one essay nor y^{t} to an essay of 1 rup. weight each, but to three essaies of each, and those to be of the chucktees or peices of silver of rups. 91 weight at the mint, w^{ch} we essayed, ere they goe into the Gozausht to be made into rups., and let the medium of the difference made in those essaies be your rule, and then you cannot err soe much as you may in those small essaies of Rup. 1 weight each. Pray let this be thus done, and advise us the issue. The way of agreement you are about to make with the merchant we approve off exceeding well.

The rups. 15,000 you sent in charge of Mr. Mohun we have received, and as you can expect a further supply as ere formerly ordered, w^{ch} is all at ꝑsent from

Your very loveing ffriends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

EDW^{D} READE.

Hugly, 6th November 1678.

MR. RICHARD EDWARDS, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was dated the 29th ultimo, since w^{ch} on entring your last Journall ꝑcells lately sent up hither into the Ballasore bookes made up this yeare by Mr. Bugden, we find your serv^{ll} good debts as to be ꝑ the enclosed account, w^{ch} we have sent you, that you may thereby demand what is due from the sevr^{ll} persons indebted. We very much admire at your silence now upward of a month's standing, and it being now the time of action, and requiring more frequent advice then at other times, we expect good reasons for it, hopeing the investments this yeare made and what due on last yeare remaines as ꝑ the forementioned acco^{t} are now all in the house and almost embaled up. Noe news of the sloopes *Ganges* or *Lilly*; your great neglect in giving us due and timely advices putts us very much to a stand, not knowing what judgement to make of our Masters' affaires under your management.

We remaine
Your loveing ffriends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.
RICH^{D} MOHUN.

Hugly, 9th November 1678.

MR. RICHARD EDWARDS, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was dated the 6th currant. This comes by the *Arrivall*, on whome we have sent Mr. John Threder to take an acco^{t} and receipts on board of the Europe ships of and for what goods we shall now, the moonsoone is over, be sending hence, as alsoe for what you shall send aboard thence. By a ꝑticuler received from Mr. Edwards we find y^{t} you have not been idle there, haveing to the 30th ultimo packed 70 bales of our Masters' goods, and y^{t} you are dailey hard at it w^{ch} we are glad to understand and commend you for, but cannot however acquit you from the imputation of negligence in not as you ought, and in many respects is very necessary, adviseing us what you were doeing, w^{ch} fault we desire may be amended in the future. We hope all the goods both remaines of the last yeare w^{ch} are large, and what you have given money on this year according to order hence, will be gotten in, sorted, prized and packed in due time, soe y^{t} these ships may be dispatched early according to our Masters' orders this year and if possible together. Wee order you on receipt of these to be sending aboard what goods you have ready, a proportion of each sort aboard each ship according to their burthen w^{ch} abating, the owner's 5. per cent. tonage is *vizt.*, the ship *Williamson* 570 tons and *Society* and *Nathaniel* 541 ditto each, and the *Ffalcon* 351 tons, the *Ffalcon* ꝑ^{t}. you must detaine till they shall come into the roade to receive it. When you send off goods you must write off to Mr. Threder what sorts of goods they are with their marks and numbers w^{ch} you send, and for what ship, y^{t} he may accordingly see them laden and take intelligeble receipts in his bookes for them, copies of w^{ch} he will from time to time send you ashoare, and by this methodicall way of proceeding y^{e} drawing out of invoices, bills of lading, &c., together with their dispatch of the ships will be much facilitated and expedited, and therefore wee disire you to take good notice and exactly follow what have enordered, and we shall give such orders, and soe prepare Jno. Threder here as y^{t} we hope there shall be no mistake in his side.

We find y^{t} you have a bale of coloured cloths put ashoare at Ballasore out of these ships. We suppose it to be fine cloth for ꝑsents, &c., and order you to send it up ꝑ the *Arrivall* on the first good conveyance, but if the merchants there should be very earnest for a litte of it, you may let them have it at 20 rs. ꝑ yard, and not under.

We remaine,
Your loveing ffriends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.
RICH^{D} MOHUN.

To y^{e} Commanders of the Europe ships now rideing in the Hon^{ble} English East India Comp^{as} service in Ballasore roade.

Hugly, 9th November 1678.

GENTLEMEN,

Wee have on the *Arrivall* send downe Mr. John Threder to take to lade abrood you both from hence and Ballasore such goods and in such proportions as he has, and from time to time shall receive orders from us here and our friends there; and we doe desire and order you y^{t} you give strict injunctions to your mates, &c., officers at noe time nor on any terms to bussle for or take abroad any more or other sort of goods then he, y^{e} said John Threder, shall according to our advises lade aboard of each of your ships, it being of bad consequence in sev^{ll} respects, besides the inconvenience of putting us the factors at Ballasore by our method of lading you and giving each of your ships according to their burthens and due proportions of every sort of goods.

Wee desire you to be civil to him while he remaines aboard your ships, and y^{t} on all occation he may have one of your boates to goe from ship to ship for lading of goods, &c., y^{t} you would, if he finds any great need for it, assist him wth your long boates alsoe.

Wee subscribe,
Your loveing ffriends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.
RICH^{D} MOHUN.

Hugly 12th November 1678.

MR. SAMUELL HERVY.

SIRS,

Our last to you was of the 28th ultimo, since w^{ch} we have received your of the 2nd and 5th currant, and are glad the rups. 6,000 hence and y^{e} sev^{l} bills from Cossumbazar are all received. Mr. Frenchfeild arrived hither yesterday, and in a day or two shall be comeing towards you wth one writer when you may send downe Matthew Sheppard. We expect suddenly to hear of Mr. Nedham's arrivall at Cossumbazar. The timber cannot possible come from Ballasore except our friends there could have gott them ready to have sent on the *Ganges* that is now comeing up haveing laine long in Ballasore to be repaired until the end of the yeare when one of the sloopes may goe into y^{t} river and bring the timbers up, or they may come on one of the boates w^{ch} yearly carry peter hence aboard the ships.

Ordinary green cloth we have none in the house, nor above p^{s} fourty odd red cloth soe that we hope it will rise in a little time. The white and red lead if noe one understands the use of them wth you send downe by Matthew Sheppard. Inclosed comes invoices of the 17 bales of broadcloth sent you the 6th July last, as of the fine cloth you received in August following. The former amo^{ts} to rups. 6,049-11a, the latter to rups. 2,054-2¾a, for w^{ch} pray give our acco^{t} currant credit, as we shall you for what of it used in makeing the Prince's present there.

The one halfe p^{s} cloth cannot yet find out w^{ch} came short in the 17 bales abovesaid not being able by reason of our saltpeter at ꝑsent to come at the remaineing broadcloth here y^{t} lying in a roome whose pendall is all filled up wth peter, as soone as y^{t} is shipped off we shall examine the said remaines and accord y^{t} acco^{t} if we can.

The looking glass w^{ch} we gave in the great eunuch Nazar Mahbaruck's noote of his ꝑsent but came short we have now sent us, alsoe six coconuts hookers and six long mulls. We are glad you are faire with all, hopeing we shall alwaies continue soe, and y^{t} noe occation of this Governour, who is a very troublesome fellow, poore and ravinous, will be taken for graunted against us without heareing our answer and defence. We find our Gaulbarra here a great priviledge as well as honour to our Masters, and you must be carefull of it. We are glad Booremulls is in favour there. If he could have the govern^{mt} of Hugly and Ballasore we should wth less trouble be able to settle and fix our Masters' priviledges in this troublesome place. He is a person soe well accomplished for government y^{t} you cannot say too much for him, and we thinke wee need not urged you to doe for him what lyeth in your power. Your bookes of acco^{ts} and cloth will be welcome. We are

Your very loveing ffriends

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

EDW^{D} READE.

EDM^{D} BUGDEN.

RICH^{D} MOHUN.

Hugly, 15th November 1678.

MR. RICHARD EDWARDS, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was dated the 9th currant, since w^{ch} we have received yours of the 30th ultimo and 6th ꝑsent, the former not till the 13th at night. Coppy of the Prince's new Neshaun chauped by the Cazzee at Dacca we some time since sent you, w^{ch} we hope will be enough without any other papers (w^{ch} came to the King's Duan at Dacca, not to us) to cleare all business wth you. The ten overcast in your acco^{ts} of Aprill shall be rectified in your bookes. We are glad you shall have all the goods ready as enordered in due time your want of timely advising of which has been inconvenient both for us and you. You have satisfied Cullian Ray's objection. The *Lilly* is arrived hither, but we doe not yet heare of the *Ganges*, but hope shall in a day or two more if she came over the bar at the new moone, it now growing towards the full.

The acco^{t} of the weight of goods received by you out of the ships this yeare we have received and delivered to the warehouse keeper to compare wth the bills of ladeing. The price of the peice of tutanagul wanting from the *Society* we hope you have recovered, and we shall bring to your account. We have sent you on the *Sarah*, Mr. Bugden's vessell, sev^{ll} for presents, and on the *Ganges* shall remit you a bale of broadcloth. You may use alsoe 10 yds. of sky-coloured cloth instead of fine green. All the rest of coloured cloth pray send hither as formerly enordered. A looking-glass will come hence alsoe, see y^{t} you may make Nooroola Caun's ꝑsent according to use when he passes by, and take out his ꝑwanna. What you have done as to the prizes of goods we approve off and question not by a timely investment made there in the spring, or about March or Aprill next, y^{t} all those sorts of goods you now mention at 17 or 18 ꝑcent cheaper then formerly will be procurable yet more reasonable.

The muster of Cassaes you sent we cannot esteem fitting for the markets of Europe, neither are the Mullmulls of those parts good, being a Sanna thread and not of y^{t} softness requisite in y^{t} sort cloath. The muster of Cassaes we have returned you. The Hummums are courser then required by our Masters, the Sannaes you may buy if of the length and breadth enordered and you want them to make up the quantity this yeare required; turmerick and sticklack we desire you to gett ready what quantity you can, not exceeding what formerly ordered. Gold being very low we well approve of what you have done in its sale, and hope you have been able to bring the merchants to 14-2 ꝑ tola: the dollers are indifferently well sold, considering this times.

As soone as Ramley and Vandervell are well pray send them aboard the English ships, and if they doe really confine to our orders you may send them as seamen to serve on board, and otherwise as formerly advised. We hear there are severall there who doe and will enter themselfes into the Moore's service. Pray give those men warning y^{t} we will not (where it can be avoyded) suffer them soe to doe, and acquaint those Moores (giveing the Governour notice thereof alsoe) y^{t} we will give noe such ships our pass, but shall order our ships to take such their pilotts out whereas they meet them at sea, and therefore let them looke to theirselfes we haveing given them time by notice.

Wee have received your answer to Mr. Bugden's complaint and haveing given you orders in a former letter concerning the delivery of his part of the ship *Maldiva*, merch^{t}, with the ladeing to his use and order, we hope your compliance therewith and shall say noe more to it at present. Charles Eyres came here some daies agoe and James Lowden is alsoe arrived. You may detaine Charles Cross wth you till the ships are departed for your assistance there. Matt^{s} Sheppard, as soone as Mr. Frenchfeild shall gett Dacca wither he is bound the 18th currant, God willing, will have order to come thence and will be sent downe for your assistance. But Mr. Byam cannot remove hence till after the ship's departure, and he can have delivered his business here to Mr. Peacock.

Wee take notice y^{t} you have signifie to Mr. John Smith y^{t} he is discharged the Hono^{ble} Companies service, and y^{t} he must on these ships repaire to the ffort, w^{ch} he hath promised to comply with all. By the acco^{t} of packing materials now sent us, we find Mr. Frenchfeild has had wrong done him in the accusation ꝑsented against him, and have accordingly taken notice of it; and cleared by consultation the 12 skins of parchment you sent by the *Lilly*, we received alsoe on here are come 18 piggs of lead.

Invoice of what sent you for presents comes hence wth acco^{t}, which refer you; and calling nothing else to mind remaine

Your loveing ffriends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

EDW^{D} READE.

EDM^{D} BUGDEN.

RICH^{D} MOHUN.

Wee understand y^{t} Chimcham and Company have desired to build a warehouse in the ffactory to house and secure their goods they yearly bring in for the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} acco^{t}. If they be urgent wth you for it you may concent thereto, soe they will let it be done in the Comp^{as} name not theirs, else we may hereafter have trouble from Governours, in w^{ch} respect they shall be bound never to bring any goods into it but such as our Masters generall require, nor shall carry any out but as returned goods. You must be cautious in this point both for our ꝑsent employers and security. If there be saltpeter to be had there you may secure it but at as cheap rates as you can.

Wee have onely sent you an acco^{t} of toyes, &c., now sent you for present, the invoice of them shall follow in the gen^{ll} invoice of what goods, &c., you have received of this yeare's shipping.

Y^{dem}

M. VINCENT.
E. READE.
E. BUGDEN.
R. MOHUN.

Hugly, 18th November 1678.

MR. SAMUELL HERVY, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was dated the 12th currant to w^{ch} refer you. This comes by Mr. Rich^{d} Frenchfeild, whome we have appointed to be second at Decca, and order you to deliver him your bookes of acco^{t}, &c., belonging to said his place in your factory, as alsoe to have joynt inspection wth you and Mr. Pownsett into the Hono^{ble} Compas in that place. Wth him we have sent for sev^{lls} for presents as ꝑ the enclosed invoice amo^{t} to rups. w^{ch} you are to dispose off as you shall find cause and may be most conducive to your good correspondence wth the officers of y^{t} court. Broadcloth you may hold up what you have in your hands, we haveing left here but 41^{h} pieces, and all red, and a very little fine cloth some of which is coloured. We have alsoe two small ꝑcells of an excellent new fashioned silver and gold Galloome w^{ch} if there should be great occations for the Prince may be sent you. Your goods pray hasten away what possible, it growing late in the yeare. We remaine

Your loveing ffriends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.

Wee have sent you one-quarter of a rheame of Dutch royal paper, 2 rheames of Dutch medium, 1 rheame of Venice writing paper, and 3 rheame of horne d^{to} paper, alsoe 400 quills for your factories use.

Y^{dem}

M. V.
E. R.

Hugly, 20th November 1678.

MR. RICHARD EDWARDS, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was of the 15th currant, to w^{ch} refer you. This comes at the instance of Mellick Cossum, who wants some iron guns for a vessell of his now proceeding to sea. Mirza Woolley, your Governour there, will come and look on what gunns you have there, and make choyce of those he has occation for, and you may deliver him, he paying the market price there w^{ch} we understand is 8 rs. The money pray receive ere you deliver him the guns.

The *Ganges* arrived hither last night and tomorrow will be come towards you againe. We call not else to mind.

Remaine
Your loveing ffriends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.

Hugly, 20th November 1678.

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON, &c.

LOVEING FRIENDS,

Our last to you was of the 31st ultimo. We come now to answer yours of the 14th curr^{tt} and are glad the throwster lately sent you may be able to doe the Hono^{ble} Compa's service. If Jho. Griffin will goe he may this, when he comes sooner we shall make engage sometime in their service.

ꝑ the next boates y^{t} came up to your residence we shall send sev^{lls} for ꝑsents both for your Governour at Muxadavad, and him at Rajamaul, y^{t} soe you may have a good correspondence, and carry our Masters' affairs the more inunterrupted wth them both.

Invoice of 309 bales of silk and 7 chests taffaties we have received, and shall pass the acco^{t} to your credit, and in y^{e} hurry of business and y^{e} want of assistance, doe allow your way of chargeing it and takeing care to carry the abate^{mt} y^{t} shall be made thereon to proffit and loss; but doe expect when you shall as we hope will be next yeare be at more quiett and have better help y^{t} you alwaies invoice it at the neerest and last price y^{t} has alwaies been the use of y^{t} factory.

Wee are sorry the boates . . . were dropped neer a month at Mungeer, it having as Mr. Charnock, &c., complaine been prejudiciall to the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} affaires at Pattana for want of one, so y^{t} they shall be forced to be at interest for beginning their new investment there. The business of the suspected dustuck w^{ch} you write was occation of said stop is now under examination, and we shall doe what find requisite therein, and endeavour to prevent the like in the future.

Wee give Mr. Edward Littleton licence to come downe to Hugly and Ballasore, but desire him to see as much of our Masters' goods thence as is possible, and to have the remainders in such a posture as y^{t} it may not be long delayed after him.

John Naylor the dier alsoe being intended to send his son home to be educated in England (w^{ch} thing we are very forward to encorage) has alsoe requested by a ꝑticuler letter to the Chief and our leave to come downe and goe to Ballasore, w^{ch} for the reason abovesaid have graunted unto him. Calling not else to mind rest

Your very loveing ffriends,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.
RICH^{D} MOHUN.

Hugly, 23rd November 1678.

MR. JOB CHARNOCK, &c.

LOVEING FRIENDS,

Our last to you was of the 20th ultimo to w^{ch} refer you. Yours of the 28th last month came not to our receipt till the 18th currant, and note your observations on these papers we sent you, much wondring they should be interpreted wth you soe differently from what they were at Dacca, where they were by the Prince's officers thought of soe great force yt by meanes of them we, as it were, extorted the Prince's Neshaun very much against the will of Ray Moollook Chund, who you know is a powerfull ℘son in yt Court, and could not be soe blind as not to see those flaws now found out. The Prince's Neshaun runs thus: To all great officers, &c., of Bengall and Orixa yt now are or hereafter shall be. It has been represented to the Prince yt, excepting the Fort of Surratt, the English according to the King's ℘maund are custome free all over the empire (or Mumaluck Marasa) in obedience to wch the former Governours of those two Provinces have at noe time hindered them on yt accompt, and now lately a husbull hookums came to the Duan of Bengall from the Emperor under the Vizier Assut Cawn's lease or chaup that the English be custome free. Upon all wch the Prince ordered this his Neshaun be given them yt whatever goods their factors shall import or export by land or by water they be not anywaies molested or stopped on accot of custome, but that they be let goe free, &c., as you may see in the coppy of the Neshaun we enclosed send you, and if you think it may availe you there we will on your advise send you a coppy thereof attested by the Cazzee of Dacca. Now the Prince's Neshaun being procured chiefly by meanes of these ℘maunds, &c., till they came we meeting wth great difficulty at Dacca, we are apt to hope they may be of better import then you seeme to think, wherefore we continue on the same opinion as formerly, onely if for a bribe the Vacqueel can get those copies advantagiously penned and attested by the Cazzee at Dilly, you may give him order accordingly. Yet we say yt if such a ℘maund for our Masters' trading custome free could be taken out as should henceforward free them from giveing any piscashes* as usuall, if you can be satisfied of the certainty of this, we are of opinion yt it will be well worth ye while to be at the charge of it though it should cost rups. 40,000, but if you find such assurance difficult to be made out to you it will be better as we judge to make shift wth what we have now got till our further experience shall convince as yt the other is of an absolute necessity; in the meanetime the use of our being custome free goes on and growes stronger and stronger by length of time.

If you have two copies of Auringzeeb's ℘maund for our paying custome onely in Surratt sealed or chauped by the Dilly Cazzee, pray send us one of them, possibly they may be of use to us here.

What answer Mr. Charnock has sent as to his not accepting to be fifth of the Councell of Ffort St. George we shall on these ships return thither.

Wee are sorry you have mett wth soe many disappointments in getting downe the last ℘cell of 3,000 mds. peter by seizure of the boates, &c., soe yt to the day of the date of yours you had not gott boates (though money was given out for them) to bring it downe, alsoe yt you feared should be stopped by your Nabob. We hope they are longer now on their way though we have not heard of them and yt your Nabob, when he comes to be a little better acquainted wth the nature of the governt of yt place, by wch time alsoe his belly will be better filled, he will be more favourable. The boates wth treasure we hope are long since cleared and the treasure sold, till wch as the urgency of our Masters' affaires require it you must take up money at interest. You had certainely been supplied wth money as former yeares from Cossumbazar, but of late treasure has sold as slowly there as at Pattana, wch was the reason we sent now and last yeare proportion of quick stock in specie.

The invoice of peter we have received and shall pass the accot to the credit of your factory.——Those copies we have desired of Shah Jahaun's and this King's ℘maunds——of Dilly, the provinces of Bearra, Bengalla and Orixa could by a——Cazzee be mentioned among the other provinces specified in both wherein English are declared to be custome free and all officers ordered not to demand anything on y^{t} acco^{t}, but onely at the port of Surratt, &c. It would we think by the help of this Prince's Neshaun and our former papers of our Masters' priviledges in those parts settle their affaires in Bengall soe as not easily to be reduced to the late distraction they began to be in. We should not advise you to this, being in itsself, we confess, noe very commendable way but only to obviate and as it were force ourselfes from the unreasonablenesses of officers of this empire, w^{ch} we now looke upon to be warrantable enough; the King himselfe by his husbull hookum haveing declared it to be the scence of his ꝑmaund y^{t} we pay noe custome only in Surratt, and according to our cuddeeme dustoore or ancient wont, the w^{ch} we not haveing to doe in Bengall (of w^{ch} port we presume the King could not be ignorant) we are by said husbull hookum as a good expositer on his ꝑmaund custome frere, and we doe by this way endeavour only make our Masters' priviledges not against the King, who is our great favorer, but the avarice and rapatiouness of his great men.

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* Peshkash, Peshkush, or Peshcash, corruptly, Peishcush, Peshkist. H., &c.—Tax.; tribute; lit. what is first drawn; first fruits; fine; quit-rent: a fine or present to the ruling power on receiving an appointment or assignment of revenue, or on a renewal of a grant or the like; in Bengal, the fine paid to the Mohammadan Government by a zamindár on his investiure. Jonpur, a quit-rent formerly paid by Mohammadan holders of otherwise rent-free grants. Under the Madras Presidency it was applied especially to contributions exacted from the great zamindár in the Northern Sarkars and from the Paligárs of the south, as a kind of quit-rent in lieu of a fixed revenue; revenue assessed upon lands once held free of revenue or on the tenure of military service now dispensed with: it is rather laxly applied also in some places to the Government demand upon the land or the land revenue.—*Wilson's Glossary of Indian Term.*

Wee call not else to mind, save y^{t} for want of the peter, &c., goods they comeing downe late, we have resolved to dispatch the *Williamson* and *Society* first (by the 15th of next month if we can), and the other two ships afterwards.

We remaine
Your assured loveing ffriends,
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} READE.
EDM^{D} BUGDEN.
RICH^{D} MOHUN.

Hugly, 27th November 1678.

A list of provisions, &c., necessaries laden on board the *Arrivall* to be reladen on the ship *Williamson* for acco^{t} of Rich^{d} Mohun, *viz.*—

R. M.
Three chests qts. arrack.
Ten jars of atchar and sweetmeats.
One quarter cask of atchar.
Ten baggs of gram.

M. VINCENT.

Hugly, 29th November 1678.

MR. RICHARD EDWARDS, &c.

SIRS,

Our last to you was of the 20th currant, to w^{ch} refer you. We have received yours of the 18th ditto, and are very glad you are soe well employed and y^{t} our Masters affaires soe good forwardness there. Mr. Byam cannot possibly come downe to deliver his charge here to Mr. Peacock, from whome we expect y^{t} he keeps and carries it on in the same method he receives it.

The guns we hope you have had an oportunity by the commanders comeing ashoare to get viewed. Ere this let a paper be drawn up specifying how they —— them to be and what they may be —— gett them to signe it w^{ch} deliver to Mr. Reade at his arrivall hither; the whole number of the bad guns are 26 peices.

Wee have had the same dispute here about the Prince's Neshaun as it seemes you have had wth your Governour there, but we have satisfied ours, as we hope you have done or may doe yours, for this Neshaun is better penned then Sha Shujah's was, for y^{t} runs thus: y^{t} the English declared they had Shah Jehaun's ꝑmaund for being custome free on w^{ch} he did graunt us his Neshaun to said effect, ordering all Govern^{mt} to act to said ꝑmaund; but this Prince's Neshaun is penned thus, y^{t} the English declared before him y^{t} excepting Surratt they were by the King's ꝑmaund custome free all over this King's dominions and now lately a husbull hookum wth copies of Shah Jehauns ꝑmaund and the ꝑsent King's concerning the English was come from Nabob Aussut Caun (the ꝑsent Vizier) by order of the King to the Duan of Bengall, wherein the King ordered yt except at Surratt the English to pay noe custome, this comeing in answer to a remonstrance made by said Duan in the English behalf and sent wth copies of all the ꝑwannas, &c., for their priviledges, upon which the Prince graunts that we be custome free and accordingly ordering all according to the King's said ꝑmaund, wch the Prince haveing seen is witness off, whereby we are not soe much put to it to shew the ꝑmaund as formerly, Shah Shujah onely writing yt we onely assured we had one, but this yt the King had sent such an order to his Duan of Bengall, &c., soe yt you may argue in this nature and as soone as it can be done we have taken care to gett copies of said husbull hookum and ꝑmaunds attested by the Cazee of Dilly wch done we hope will cleare all.

The sloope *Lilly* arrived hither in safety, as alsoe the *Ganges*. The latter was dispatched the 22nd currant wth a cargoe of peter, &c., to the roade; the 18 piggs of lead and 10 skins of parchment we have received on the former, and the 35 piggs of lead by the latter.

Wee have acquainted Mr. Bugden what you write about Mr. Smith, and dilivered him Zepha Hilton's accot, wch he will methodize, and send Mr. Smith wth what else needfull in yt ꝑticuler.

The coloured broadcloth you should not have sold any of it without order. What of it is bought if by any of the merchts will not goe under 20 rs. ꝑ yard. Broadcloth will now doubtless come into esteem, we haveing here not above 40 pcs, ordinary, in all. We are sorry this ꝑcell of fine cloth is soe damaged: if it has been through default of the ship you must advise as we may to the Honoble Company. Pray have especiall care of your packing to prevent the the delivery of your cargoe and alwaies write off wth the goods yt the bales be well booked on when taken on and yt if it seems otherwise conditioned, then you advise they returne them by the same peon giveing him charge to bring the cargoe-man to——while said bale shall be opened and reviewed foure or five times. Serving them thus would possibly affrighton them from stealing from us, and in reference to this it would doe well when you send off cargoes to send a peon on every one ordering the Banian to take the names of the said peons and cargoe, noteing wch goes wth wch, and what sort and quantity of goods each carries, and when dispatches them from the water side downe to encharge each cargoe man wth the peon yt goes in his boate, and if any fault be found aboard, yt the peon bring the cargoe-man to the factory wth him at his returne to answer it.

Mr. Edward Reade takes his passage on the sloope *Lilly* we haveing ordered him to dispatch these ships as soone as the goods expected and appointed for ym can be shipped aboard them. He is alsoe to inspect the Honoble Companies affaires wth you as Chief while there, and we require you to give him respect accordingly.

Wee call not else to mind save yt we are

Your loveing ffriends,

MATTS VINCENT.
EDWD READE.
EDMD BUGDEN.
RICHD MOHUN.

Chimchaw's accot ꝑticular and his accot in Company comes enclosed by wch he will see how his ballance is. You write other merchts are dissatisfied in their debts; if you had ꝑticularized their names their accots alsoe should have come.

Ydem

M. V.
E. R.
E. B.
R. M.

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NOTE.

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A New Nabob in Bengal, 15th Febry 1678.

A Portuguez ship of Manoell de' Silvaes arrived from Bengal whence he said he was 25 days in his voyage. By a particular letter from Mr Littleton dated in Cossumbazaar the 2nd January, we understand that Hady Chaure was arrived at Rajamaule to be Nabob of Bengal, and that his son passed through Cossumbazaar to be Nabob of Orixa; the old Nabob Shaista Caun being removed out of Decca.

Extract from the Minutes of an extraordinary Consultation, dated 3rd July 1678.

The Stock in Bullion for the Bay how made up 100,000£.

And to complete the stock in treasure ££100,000 ordered by the Honorable Company for the Bay of Bengal, it is ordered that the warehouse-keeper did take care to re-ship on board ship *Willamson*.

1 Chest Gold Nº B.	££13,180 : 04 : 03
On board the *Nathaniell* continued 1 chest Gold Nº E.	14,450 : 01 : 06
On board the *Falcon* Gold 1 Chest	11,919 : 01 : 00
	39,549 : 06 : 09
64 Chests Silver on the follwing ships, *viz* :—	
26 Chests by ship *Falcon*	££25,706 : 05 : 3
14 Chests per the *Williamson*	12,806 : 04 : 6
10 Chests per the *Nathaniel*	8,921 : 11 : 3
14 Chests per the *Society*	12,935 : 17 : 4
	60,369 : 18 : 04
	39,549 : 06 : 09
	£99,919 : 05 : 01

Monday, 15th July 1678.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQre, *Agent and Governor*,
MR JOSEPH HYNMERS.
„ JOHN BRIDGER.
„ TIMOTHY WILKES.

The Honoble Compy orders to take accot of what the ships bring out more than they enlist.

which order cannot be complied withall.

the reasons.

Whereas the Honorable Company in the 73 paragraph of their letter dated the 12th December 1677 are pleased to say that they expect an account of what more Bullion, Liquors &c, their ships do bring, then is mentioned in the list which they have sent of what is permitted by them to be sent upon those ships, with the name of the laders and to whom consigned as likewise an account of what they carry to and from the Bay, upon debate thereupon it was found that the said order could not be complied with at all except waytors were kept upon the ships, which Would occasion a more tedious delivery of the ships here, and consequently retard their timely dispatch, also it would cause great heart-burnings and discontents between those on the shoars and those on the ships, and being a thing never yet practiced in India, neither upon this Coast, nor in the Bay, nor at

Surratt, Swally, Bombay, nor Bantam, either by the English or the Princes or Governors of the country that ever we heard of. In all which places no notice is taken of what is landed out of the English ships more than due care for the Companys goods, and in regard the putting of it in practice might be also a thing of ill consequence and give occasion to the Princes and Governors of India to impose such like things upon our nation if we should use it among ourselves, it was therefore resolved to be very inconvenient to put the same in practice, and is humbly referred to the Honorable Company's further consideration, and for the accot. of what is sent to and from the Bay, there is care already taken, and is under the Customers charge by the settled rules.

Orders for freights between the Coast and Bay last year. being inconvenient. are now allowed.

Whereas at a Consultation dated the 17th July 1677 it was resolved that the freights between the Coast and Bay settled by the Honorable Comy at 30££ per ton thither and 3££ per ton back was for their servants and freemen, and Strangers as in practice at home to pay double the rate, and for their passage five pagodas a head, The Council finding upon further experience that the Portuguese and Dutch freemen's ships and others do take goods at lower rates, therefore that the Honrble Compy might not loose the benefit of what may be made of freights upon their ships between the Coast and Bay, it is now resolved that any persons whether in the service, freemen or strangers may lade goods upon the Honorble Company's ships at such rates as shall be agreed upon with the Agent and Council here, or the Chiefs and Councils at the other places, not under the Honorble Company's settled rates of 30££ per Ton to the Bay and 3££ per Ton from the Bay, reckoning the pagoda at 9, the rupee at 2, 3.

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Thursday, 18th July 1678.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQre, *Agent and Governor.*

MR. JOSEPH HYNMERS.

,, JOHN BRIDGER.

,, TIMOTHY WILKES.

20,000 Pagodas to be sent to Masulipatam per ship *Williamson* and goods consigned thither.

Resolved and ordered that 20,000 pagodas be sent to Metchlipatam upon ship *Williamson* and the following goods consigned to the Chief and Council thereof—

600 Piggs lead
400 Copper plates
60 Barills Tynn
3 Chests Canary
1 Box Musters
1 Chest Chyrurgery
Paper, Quills &.

Goods consigned to the Bay per ship *Williamson.*

and so much of the lead, Copper and Tynn as will not sell at Metchlipatam to be continued on the same ship for Bengale. And the following goods to be continued on board ship *Williamson* for Bengal *viz.:*—

670 Slabs Tuttenague
7 Chests Canary
1 Box Musters

and the Treasure as before appointed. The 3rd Instant agreed with Vengana a Gentu for a parcel of Beetle Nutts to be laden on the Honrble Company's ships for Bengal at 30££ per Ton.

Beetle Nutts freighted for the Bay at 30 per Ton 173.

Thursday, the 8th August 1678.

At a Consultation, Present:

Streynsham Master, Esqre, *Agent and Governor*.
Mr. Joseph Hynmers.
„ John Bridger.
„ Timothy Wilkes.

Resolved and ordered that the following goods be continued and put aboard the ships *Nathaniel* and *Society* consigned to the Chief and Council of Hughly *viz*:—

On the *Nathaniel*.

Goods consigned to the Bay per Ship *Nathaniel*.

500 Piggs Lead.
263 Copper Plates.
50 Barrells Tynn.
2 Tubs Vermillion.
5 Cases Quicksilver.
1 Pack. Perpetuanoea No. A.
1 Case { Symitore blades 15.
Long Rapier blades 30.
2 Firkins file dust.
1 Box gold and silver lace.
3 Chests wax figures and wooden pins.
4 boxes of toys and glasses N° 7 : 8 : 9 : 10.
2 Boxes dying stuff.
2 Chests beames and scales.

And the treasure as apointed in Consultation the 3rd July.

On the *Society*.

Per Ship *Society*.

500 pigs lead.
205 copper plates.
50 barrils tynn.
666 slabbs Tuttenague.
10 cases Quicksilver.
6 cases Gariles.
2 Tubbs Vermillion.
5 bales Broad cloth N° 1 : 2 : 3 : 4 : 6.

Dyeing wares all that came by the same ship and the treasure as appointed in Consultation the 3rd July. Ordered that these be landed out of ship *Society*.

3 bales Broadcloth fine N° 5 : 7 : 9.

And that there be continued and put aboard ship *Society* consigned to the Chief and Council of Metchlepetam.

Goods consigned to Metchlepatam per Ship *Society*.

2 Bales Broadcloth fine, *viz*:—
1 Bale half of N° 5 and half of N° 7.
1 Bale N° 8.
1 Box toys.
1 Box long Rapier blades 20.

and the Chief and Council at Metchlepetam having contracted for the goods required by the Honble Compy at that place, and advised in their letter of the 10th July last that they should want pagodas 110,517, to compleat the

100,000 pagds.

said Investment, besides the charge of packing and expence of both the factorys, 'twas resolved to send 100,000 pagodas to Metchlepetam besides the 20,000 already sent upon ship *Williamson*.

Particulars to be sent for from Metchlepatam.

Resolved to send order to Metchlepetam for the Chief and Council to provide packing stuff and wheat there as follows :—

6,000 pieces Gunnys
50 candys Ropes
20 „ Twine
50 baggs wheat each 10 maund

the said particulars to be laden upon the ships and sent hither at their return from the Bay.

Provisions to be sent up from the Bay.

Resolved to give orders to the Chief and Council of the Bay to send hither upon the ships from thence for the use and expense of this factory the following particulars, *viz :*—

12 bales ordinary suggar.
1 bale fine suggar.
60 maunds Butter. } Bengal
40 maunds Bees wax } maunds.
1 Saine or fishing nett.
6 pounds of red sealing wax.

Ships to be dispatched as soon as the letters of advice and their despatches got ready.

Not to stay beyond the 19th. Instant.

Resolved that the ships *Nathaniel* and *Society* shall be despatched from hence for Metchlepetam and the Bay so soon as the letters of advice and their diepatches are got ready, and tho' the 100,000 pagodas intended for Metchlepetam should not be coyned in the mint by the 13th instant yet 'tis resolved not to detaine the ships any longer, but they shall sail on that day (by God's permission) with what money shall then be ready coyned.

Letters to Masulipatam and the Bay read.

Letters to the Chiefs and Councills of Bengale and Metchlepetam dated this day were read and passed.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGERS.
JOHN NICKS, *Secry.* TIMOTHY WILKES.

Letters from Metchlepatam and the Bay, 8th August 1678.

NOTE.—This evening arrived expresses with letter from Metchlepatam and with them two Bengale packets. The letters from Metchlepatam were dated the 29th July advising of ship *Williamsons* arrival there the 27th, and that they had ordered to be landed out of her there—

300 Piggs lead
400 Plates Copper
20 Barrels Tinn

with the money and other goods consigned to them from hence.

And the Bay Packets arrived there the 28th at night.

Great troubles in the Bay for want of a Phy-maund.

The Nabob Auzum Caun dead at Decca.

The Bengale letters were dated, from Hughly the 16th, 29th, and 31st May and one from Ballasore the 5th June, all the said letters and copy of the Hughly Diary and Consultation books to the 30th April, give account of the great troubles they have still encountered there for want of a Phyrmaund and through the ill nature of the new Nabob Auzum Chaun instigated by the Dutch, notwithstanding he was presented to near 7,000 Rupees at his entrance, but the last advices of 31st May and 5th June give an account of his death at Decca, and 'tis thought the Prince might next be appointed to that Government from whom they expected better usage, he having been favorable to our business in his Government at Pattana and no friend to the Dutch.

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Monday, the 12th August 1678.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQRE, *Agent and Governor.*
MR. JOSEPH HYNMERS.
" JOHN BRIDGER.
" TIMOTHY WILKES.

80,000 Pagodas sent to Metchlipatam.

Ordered that 40,000 pagodas be shipt aboard the *Nathaniel* and 40,000 aboard the *Society* for Metchlipatam, there being not more yet conyed than 80,000 of the 100,000 intended thither.

Three Chests Rosewater sent to Masulipatam.

The Chief and Council of Metchlipatam in their letter of 29th July having desired 2 or 3 chests Rosewater, 'tis ordered that 3 chests be bought and sent them upon the *Nathaniel.*

Of presenting the new Governor of Bengale.

The Chief and Council at Hughly having advised of the death of the new Nabob Auzum Chaun at Decca, and that a new one would be shortly coming to that Government to whom they must of necessity make a considerable present, it was thought fit and resolved to leave it to the said Chief and Council to make the said present as they shall find best for the Honorable Company's Interest.

Resolved to send the whole stock ordered to Bengale.

Notwithstanding the advices from the Bay of the hazard our trade is in there, yet considering the Honorable Company's orders, and if all should happen well there, it might be ill taken on our part, 'tis therefore resolved to send the whole stock to Bengale already ordered thither.

Postscripts of the letters to Bengale and Masulipatam read.

Captn Will. Thomsons and Captn Will. Stannards dispatches and Pasports from England read.

The postscripts to the letters to Bengale and Metchlipatam in answer to the letters received thence the 8th instant, were read and some amendments made and passed. Captain Will. Stannard's and Captain William Thomson's dispatches from the Honorable Company and their pasports from England were read.

The dispatches read.

The dispatches and orders to Captain William Stannard and Captain William Thomson dated this day were read and passed.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.

JOHN NICKS, *Secretary.*

NOTE.
Letters from the Bay, 17th December 1678.

Received letters from Bengale, dated the 25th October and 15th November last which came by sea in a small vessel to Metchlipatam advising of the arrival of all the ships there by the 30th August, and that Mr Mathias Vincent, Chief of the Bay departed from Hughly to Cassumbazaar the 26th June to meet the Prince Sultan Auzum, now the Mogul's second son who was sent to govern that Kingdom, and the 26th July Mr Vincent arrived at Decca, where after above two months attendance he obtained the Prince's Neshan or letters Mandate for the English to be custome free in all the Mogul's Dominions except at Surratt, which was grounded upon the Mogul Auranzeeb sending the copy of 2 Phyrmaunds to his Duan of Bengale at Decca, one granted in the 24th year of the Reign of Shah Jehaun, the father of Auranzeeb for the English to be custome free all India over, the other given in the 10th year of Auranzeeb for the English to pay 2 per cent. Custome at Surratt, which the Mogul interpreted by his order of Husbull Hookum (id est a command by word of mouth) to his Duan in Bengal, that the English were only to pay 2 per cent. Custome at Surratt and in all other his Dominions to be custome free, whereupon the Prince granted his Neshan which they advise from Hughly they esteem sufficient without being at the charge of procuring a new Phyrmaund, tho the vackeel sent to the Mogul's Court at Dilly by Mr Charnock advised that a Phyrmaund was offered to be granted for between 30 & 40,000 Rupees charges to be custom free both at Surratt and Bengale; and they say that the expence of this journey to Decca and presents there is about 21,000 Rupees, Mr Vincent returning to Hughly the 10th October, and they advise that they intended to despatch the ships all four together, upon which they might lade 1,000 Tons goods so should fall 139 Tons short of the Tonnage required to be laden in the Bay.

Mr. Vincent procured the Prince's Neshan to be custome free.

how that affair succeeded.

that a Phyrmaund may be had to be custome free at Surratt and Bengale.

Extract from Minute of Consultation, dated Fort St. George, 23rd December 1678.

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And to prevent the great irregularities which have been in keeping the Honorable Companys Accounts, both at Metchlipatam and the Bay of Bengal, it is thought fit and resolved to be made a standing rule in all the Factories that the Accounts kept by the Book-keepers, Warehouse-keepers, Pursers and stewards be read and passed in the Council of each respective Factory every month within the following month next after the conclusion of the preceding month, that is the account of the month of December shall be passed within the month of January, and so for all the other months in the year, and that the Chief of every factory do take care that the same be noted in the Consultation books every month accordingly, and in case the same be not done, to note, the reason of the failure, that thereby such course may be taken with those that neglect their duty in the discharge of their employments as the Honorable Company requires.

The books of Accts in all the Factories to be read and passed in Council every month.

and the Chiefs to note the same.

The genll Books of this place that should have been balanced the 30th April last having been kept open for the Metchlipatam, Madapollam and Bay Books till this time, the Bay Books not being come and the other not perfect, it is now ordered that Mr Joseph Hynmers do close the said Genll books, and in the following books to try what may be done towards the adjusting of the Metchlipatam and Bay Accounts.

The Genll books ordered to be closed.

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Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated Fort St. George, 6th January 1679.

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A letter to the President and Council at Surratt was read and passed, it being thought fit therein to propose to them the procuring of the Mogull's Phyr-

A letter to the Presdt and Council at Surratt read and passed.

maund to be custom-free at Surratt and Bengal as an acceptable piece of service to the Honorable Company at the expence of 30 or 40,000 Rupees as is advised from the Bay that the Vackeele at Dilly had offered to procure with some other incident charges.

Advice to procure a Phyrmaund.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGERS.
TIMOTHY WILKES.

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Extract from Public Consultation held at Fort St. George, dated 7th August 1678.

AT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORDINARY,

Wednesday the 7th.

Present:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQ., *Agent and Governor;*
MR. JOSEPH HYNMERS;
MR. JOHN BRIDGER;
MR. TIMOTHY WILKES.

Noe Chief, &c. of the Councell to lodge and Dyet out of the Hono^{ble} Comp^{ys} ffactory houses.

The Councell takeing into consideration what the Hono^{ble} Comp^{y} have order'd in the 6th and 96th sections of their letter of the 12th December 1677, and being sensible of the great inconvenience that may follow thereupon, have thought fitt to resolve and order, that noe Chief nor any one of the Councell in any of the factorys in the Bay or at Metchlepatan shall lodge and dyett out of the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} factory houses without leave firste had from the Agent and Councell for soe doing.

Factor and writers for the Bay.

There being want of ffactors and writers in the Bay it is thought fitt and order'd that the following persons to be sent from hence to serve the Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} in those parts, *viz.:*—

Francis Ellis	Factors.	
John Pownsett		
Charles Eyre	Writers.	
Jonathan Prickman		gone upon the *Williamson.*
Robert Shermar		
Taures Soroden		
Charles Cross		
Thomas Hill		
John Haines		gone upon the *Williamson.*
William Tolland		

to be imployed according to their degrees and rankes.

The settlement of the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} servants in the Bay.

The settlement of all the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} servants in their imployment in the Bay of Bengall being taken into consideration it was resolved and ordered as followeth—

1.	Mathias Vincent	Chief of the Bay and at Hugly.	
2.	Job Charnock	Chief at Pattana.	
3.	Edward Reade	Second at Hugly.	
4.	Edward Bugden	Third at Hugly.	
5.	Edward Littleton	Chief at Cassumbazar.	
6.	Samuell Hervy	Chief at Decca.	
7.	Richard Edwards	Chief at Ballasore.	
8.	George Peacock	Fourth at Hugly.	
9.	Ffitch Needham	Second at Decca	tis thought fitt to give liberty to the Chief and Councell at Hugly to remove these to other places as they shall find them most fitt, and capable of the Comp^{as} service.
10.	John Byam	Second at Ballasore	
11.	George Knipe	Second at Cossumbazar	
12.	Francis Ellis	Third	
13.	Richard Franchfield	Third at Ballasore	
14.	Jeremy Peachy	Second at Pattana	
15.	Allen Catchpole	Third	
16.	John Pownsett	Third at Decca	

17. Thomas Bromley
18. Charles Eyre
19. Jonathan Prickman
20. Samuell Meverall
21. Thomas Collins
22. John Threder
23. Samuell Anthony

Writers to be disposed of to the severall ffactorys as the Chief and Councell shall judge convenient.

24. Matthew Sheperd
25. George Perin
26. Robert Shermar
27. James Sowden
28. Charles Cross
29. Thomas Hill
30. John Haines
31. William Tolland

at Hugly
at Cossumbazar
by the Comp^{as} order.

Mr. Walter Clavell being dead, Mr. Mathias Vincent apointd to be Chief of the Bay, being his due by the rules.

Mr. Walter Clavell, whom the Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} in their list of settlement (in the letter of 12th Decembr. 1677) have apointed Chief of the Bay being dead, and Mr. Mathias Vincent by the same list being apointed second of the Bay, whereby it falls his turne to fill up a vacant place in the Councell at the ffort, and in case of the death of the Chief in the Bay by the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} establisht Rules the 4th 5th or 6th in Councell at the ffort is to be Chief at the Bay, therefore Mr. Mathias Vincent being more esteemed and accepted as 4th 5th or 6th in Councell at the ffort, as he would be if here present, is apointed Chief in the Bay.

Two places vacant in the Councell of the ffort. Mr. Job. Charnock to be offer'd the 5th place and Mr. Richard Mohun the 6th place.

And there being two places vacant in this Councell at the ffort to supply the same 'twas thought fit and resolved that Mr. Job Charnock, now 2nd in the Bay, should be offer'd to have the fifth place according to the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} establisht rule and late order, and Mr. Richard Mohun to have the 6th place, the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} having now readmitted him into their service at his former sallary of 100lb ℘ annum, and if either of them shall refuse to accept of the said places in the Councell here they are to signifie such their refusall in writing under their hands.

And in case Mr. Job Charnock shall leave the Chiefships of Pattana, and accept of the fifth place in Councell here, 'tis thought fitt that Mr. Richard Edwards or Mr. George Peacock, w^{ch} of them the Chief and Councell at Hugly shall find most fitt, to be Chief at Pattana, and if they apoint Mr. Edwards to be Chief at Pattana then Mr. Peacock to be Chief at Ballasore, and Mr. Ffitch Needham to be fourth in Councell at Hugly.

The Chaplaines to take place next after the Chiefs of the subordinate ffactorys.

To prevent any disputes about place and precedency w^{h} the Chaplaines in the Bay or at Metchlepatam, 'tis thought fitt to apoint that the Chaplaines doe take place next after the Chiefs of the subordinate ffactorys in those places upon all occasions whatsoever.

Concerning the Investmt. at Maulda and Decca.

Whereas the Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} in the 74th and 75th sections of their letter of the 12th December 1677 have left it to the Agent and Councell to lesson or augment the stocks they have apointed to be invested at Maulda and Decca in 80 to 100,000 Rupees for each place, the Councell not knowing in what condition the Comp^{as} affaires stand in the Bay for want of advices from thence, cannot give any possitive directions therein, but must leave it to the Chief and Councell at Hugly to manage that affaire the best they can, according to the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} orders, and for their advantage.

the dividing the Councell at Hugly very distructive to the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} affaires.

The Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} in the 39th section of their letter to the Chief and Councell in the Bay, dated the 12th December 1677, referring to further directions from the Agent and Councell concerning Ballasore ffactory of w^{ch} they deliver their aprehensions in the said section, w^{ch} the Councell taking into consideration did conclude that the dividing the Councell at Hugly to manage the business of Ballasore every yeare in time of shiping would in short time be very distructive to the Comp^{as} whole affaires in the Bay by bringing them into such manner of confusions from which they have been lately deliver'd by dividing the ffactorys of the Hugly and Ballasore, and apointing them under distinct Chiefs and Councells; and to prevent their falling back againe into those great inconveniences, 'tis thought fit to be ordr'd that the ffactory of Ballasore be under the charge of a perticular Chief and Councell, and that the Councell at Hugly be kept intire, that there be not above one of them absent from Hugly above a month in a yeare, and not above one to be absent at one time, except upon extraordinary occasions, or just upon dispatch of the ships, and then two may be admitted to goe to expedite that dispatch, and to return againe with all convenient speed, and that those of the Councell in the subordinate ffactorys doe not remove from their stations without first obtaining leave from the Chief and Councell at Hugly, and that they doe not give leave for more than one to be absent at one time, and that for noe longer than one month in a yeare.

Ballasore to be under a perticular Chief and Councell and the Councell at Hugly to be kept and in what manner.

All soe the Councells of the subordinate ffactory.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
J. W. BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.

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Monday the 9th.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, Esq., *Agent & Governor.*

MR. JOHN BRIDGER.

MR. TIMOTHY WILKES.

A Second to be settle at Hugly.

Mr. Charnock, Chief of Cossumbazar.

The letters from the Chief and Councell of the Bay at Hugly, dated the 19th June, received on Saturday night last, being read, it fell under consideration whome to appoint for Second at Hugly, Mr. Job Charnock having refused to accept of that imployment, and the Honoble Company having by their letter, dated 3rd December last, left it to his choice to be Chief of Cossumbazar or Pattana notwithstanding any rule or order to the contrary, and Mr. Edward Littleton having declared to the Agent in the Bay last yeare that he would not accept of the Secondship of Cossumbazar under Mr. Charnock: It is therefore resolved to send order to the Chief and Councell of the Bay that Mr. Job Charnock shall be Chief of Cossumbazar and Mr. Littleton to be perswaded to accept of the Secondship under him as the Honoble Compa have appointed, and if he doe accept it, then Mr. Samuell Hervy to be Second at Hugly, and the Chiefship of Dacca to lye vacant untill further order, there being little bussiness there but what is transacted at the Darbars by the Vackeels; but if Mr. Littleton doe refuse to be Second of Cossumbazar under Mr. Charnock, then that Mr. Littleton doe continue Chief of Cossumbazar to finish this year's investments begun by him and not to be well concluded without him, and after the departure of the shiping some time in the month of January to deliver the charge of Cossumbazar ffactory over to Mr. Charnock who shall then enter upon that Chiefship, and Mr. Littleton then to be Second at Hugly untill further orders:

but Mr. Littleton to finish this year's business at Cossumbazar.

John Thomas to come up to the ffort.

Francis Ellis to be third, and Richard Trenchfield fourth at Hughly.

And whereas the Chief and Councell of the Bay doe advise that Mr. John Thomas hath twice been distracted of his witts and endeavoured to doe mischief to the danger of his own and other persons' lives, which, if he should be continued there and any such accident should ensue, might bring trouble upon the Company's business, to prevent which they desire he may be ordered up to the ffort, it is thought fit soe to doe, and to order that Mr. Francis Ellis now fourth doe supply the place of there in Councell at Hugly, and Mr. Richard Trenchfield to be fourth in Councell at Hugly, he being the next person in degree there, and to leave it to the Chief and Councell of the Bay to apoint a Second at Moulda in Mr. Trenchfield's roome:

Mr. Vincent's Bill of Exco accepted.

It is resolved to accept of the payment of Mr. Vincent's Bill Exco for 15,000 Rupees paid out of the Compas cash in the Bay to be repaid here at 8¾ annas of a rupee to the Abassee, he being content to allow the difference of what the Mahumddys are worse then Abassees which is 14¼ Mahm. for 6 Abassees at which make the 15,000 Rupes makes Mah. 65,141½:

About Mr. Hervey's not obeying orders.

The Chief and Councell of the Bay having advised in their aforesaid letter that Mr. Hervy having received dispatches from them to go from Hugly to Dacca upon the 2d March stayed after that in Hugly untill the 18th March notwithstanding they often calls upon him to be gone, and he made it the 29th March before he departed Meer Daudpore to goe to Dacca, and did not call at Cossumbazar to take with him the money and horses he was ordered to carry with him to Dacca, which are misdemeanours which the Honble Company in their often repeated orders doe require to be punished with suspention from their service, however, before the sentence be passed tis thought fit to heare Mr. Hervy's defence for himselfe, and that it be soe advised to the Bay, and least others should follow this bad example which may be of great prejudice before our orders can arive for remedy therein: It is resolved to give orders to the Chief and Councell of the Bay that if any one under them in the Comp^{as} service shall disobey their orders or refuse to doe what they shall enjoyne or require them to doe in reference to the Comp^{as} service they shall not permit such a one to act any further in the Company's business, nor allow him any salary, dyett money or servants' wages, but forthwith give Acco^{tt} thereof to the Agent and Councell that they may suspend him the service according to the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} often repeated orders and particularly in the 26th section of their letter of 12th December 1677, the 19th section of the letter of 3rd January 1678, and the 17th section of the letter of 3rd December 1679:

Further powers to the Chief and Councell of the Bay.

Resolved that the ships *Sampson* and *Berkeley Castle* shall be both dispatched together to Metchlepatam and the Bay as soon as Pagodas are coyned for Metchlepatam ffactory and the letters of advices and dispatch are gott ready.

Ships *Sampson* and *Berkeley Castle* to be dispatched.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.

J. SMART.
JOHN NICKS,
Secretary.

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No. 1.

Fort St. George, the 6th Jany. 1679.

To—The Honorable Thomas Rolb, EsqRE, President of India, Persia, Etca., and Governor of the Port and Island, Bombay, and to the Council for Affaires of the Honorable English East India Company, Resident in Surratt.

Honorable, Etca.,

Of Mr Vincent's obtaining the Prince's Neshan at Decca.

This conveighance offering by Pathamars hired to carry some letters from Atchein to their principal in Surratt, we take the opportunity to advise you that the 17th ultimo we received advices from Mr Vincent, &c., at Hughly, dated the 25th October and 15th November, wherein they gave us an account of the success of Mr Vincent's journey to Decca and negotiation with the Prince Sultan Auzum about the matter of customes, having obtained his Neshan (favor) trade free of customes, as formerly, which was granted in more full and ample manner upon the King's order to his Duan in Bengall in answer to the addresses he had made about it after the death of Nabob Auzum Chaun, whereunto the King replied by sending a copy of a Phyrmaund granted by the Sha Jehan in the 24th year of his Reign, wherein the English are custome free all over India.

(This portion is torn off.)

Concerning a Phyrmaund for being customefree at Surratt and Bengall too.

Mr Vincent, etca. Opinion thereabout.

Dominions where to be custom free, so that Sha Jehan's Phyrmaund has not only put a period to those terms but gained us abundance of credit and reputation in the Prince's Court at Decca and all over Bengalle, they also advise further that the Vakeel sent up to Dilly by Mr Charnock had written from thence that he could procure a Phyrmaund for between 30 or 40,000 rupees besides insident charges to be custome free at Surratt and Bengall too, but they at Hughly had given it as their opinion to Mr Charnock that they shall not need a new Phyrmaund, only desired him to order him to order the Vakeel to procure and bring thence authentique copies chauped by the Cozzee of Dilly of the Phyrmaunds, Husbull Hookum and Perwanna before mentioned, werewith they think themselves secure, and the expence of this negotiation with the Prince was about 21,000 rupees, but we doo not wholly joyne with them in that opinion, for the Honorable Company's positive and express order is to procure a new Phyrmaund and since that may be done to soo great advantage as to be custome free at Surratt, also which the Court are the more easily inclined to yield into upon finding the old Phyrmaund of Sha Jehaun, which certainly it is to be found among the Phyrmaunds you have at Surratt. We are of opinion that 40,000 rupees more would be money well spent to procure soo great privilidges, and if we had this King's Phyrmaund free it would so far strengthen Sha Jehan's Phyrmaunds, that 'tis not to be doubted, but this King's success * * *

The great advantage of procuring one.

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Mr Charnock and his Vackeel because they are soo fairly advanced therein already, and the joyning of others with them may prejudice if not near the whole business, which we leave to your consideration and speedy execution.

Of the *Tyivan's* arrival and her cargo.

The 4th instant here arrived the *Tyivan* Captain Miles Cubett from Siam with her cargoe of Copper, Tynne Tutenagur, etca., to be returned to Bantam with sale prooper cloth; Mr Sauger deceased at Syam before the *Tyivan* got there and Mr Richard Burnely sent chief there from Bantam upon the *Tyivan*, advises us he found the Home Company's estate and affairs in a most lamentable condition, noo books nor methodical accounts apearing.

Of the King's departure for Gulcondah.

We have as yet noo advise from Masulipatam of the King of Gulconderti's departure from thence, but report says he is certainly gone, being sent for by his great men in haste and distress, and 'tis said great troubles are coming upon Gulcondah from Moguls great army.

No advice of the ship's arrival at Masulipatam from the Bay.

Also we do not yet hear of the arrival of the Europe ships at Masulipatam from the Bay, tho we hope they are there, and upon departure from thence to us where we expect them in 4 or 5 days, being hurry in making all things in readiness for their quick dispatch, we shall not enlarge farther at present but remain

Your very affectionate friends,

Signed
STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYMNERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.

The *Good Hope* has not yet apeared here from Bengall.

No. 7.

To the Worshipfull MATTHYAS VINCENT, dated 24th February 1678, Fort St. George.

Etca., Council at Hughly for the Affairs of the Honorable English East India Company in the Bay of Bengall.

Letters, books, etca. papers received from the Bay.

Yours of the 25th October and 15th November arrived with us the 17th December, and since by the ship the copy thereof, with an adition of the 20th December and one of the same date to the Honorable Company with two boxes of books and several other papers as in listed and letters from Mr. Read Etca., at Ballasore dated the 14th, 17th and 22nd December, the 1st and 4th January with the invoices, bills of lading and copies of the Captain's dispatch. To all which we shall now by this vessel ye *Aperwam* give the needful answers, first acquainting you that the *Society* arrived at Nursapore River's mouth the 1st January and she with the *Williamson* in Metchlepatam Road the 4th and the *Nathaniel* there the 11th January. The *Falcon* arrived here the 14th, the *Williamson* and *Society* the 16th and the *Nathaniel* the 27th January, being all four dispatched for England the 31st ditto, and sailed the next day out of sight with a fair and fresh wind, full laden and the richest fleet that hath gone from this Coast or from any other part of India in one year.

Of the ships' arrival and dispatch for England.

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Mr Manwaings gone home upon the *Falcon*.

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Extract from a letter from the President and Council of Fort Saint George, to the Chief and Council at Masulipatam, dated 10th July 1679.

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About despatching the Ships from Masulipatan and Bengale.

24th.—The Honorable Company are pleased to leave it to us to give orders for the omitting the dispatch of their ships from Masulipatam on their return from the Bay, with respect to which they wrote last year as to this business; and that we find in 54th section of the letter of 12th December 1677 is that "both at the Bay and Masulipatam we were to give you good order, the Ships should be detained no longer than was absolutely necessary for the Company's service" which we were to observe as a standing rule, as more at large in the said order which we desire you to comply with.

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No. 30.

Fort St. George, 12th July 1679.

To the Worshipful Matts Vincent, Chief, &ca, Councell of the Bay at Hughly.

A letter sent to the Bay.

The *Success* dispatched with stock for the Bay.

Our last to you was by the *Good Hope*, dated the 22nd May, with which went the copies of our former of 24th February, 9th April having not heard from you since the Europe ships came from the Bay last year, we have none of yours answear and therefore shall proceed to acquaint you that it pleased God to arrive the ships with us from England the 29th June, one of which, *viz.*, the *Success* Captain Robert Cowley we now dispatch towards you with a considerable stock in Bullion to carry on your Investments, and that she may be the earlier with you, we have stinted her stay at Masulipatam to 3 days to land some money, &ct, there.

The Honorable Company's Packet for the Bay with one of their letters to the Agent and Council sent.

Herewith we send you the Honorable Company's packett to yourselves which came to us upon the *Success* to which we refer you, and we also send one of the Honorable Company's letters to ourselves by these ships, dated the third January 1678-9 to you, we referr you for what they write concerning their affairs (more than is inserted in their letter to yourselves) whereupon we shall also give you the necessary orders and remarques.

Rules for succession to preferment confirmed.

Of giving new Security.

15. In the 15th Section you will see the Honorable Company are pleased to confirme the rules for succession to preferment appoynted in their Commission, and instructions to the Agent, with some additions which they have now been pleased to make for the good of their affairs, which wee recommend to your observation, being ourselves and you must bee regulated and govern'd thereby, but as to the Directions to take new security as their Servants rise to higher degrees and Imployes, we know of noe other orders therein, then 2,000 £ security to bee taken after they come to be factors and of the age of 21 years which is the highest security that is given by any one.

Mr Charnock to remain Pattana to finish this year's business there and Mr. Littleton at Cassumbuzar.

16. By reason that Mr Charnock is now appoynted Chief of Cassumbuzar, and we are informed that Mr Read intends for England this year and Mr Bugden is dismissed, the servise, there will bee many alterations to bee made in the Councells at Hughly and other Factoryes, the settlement of which we cannot at present resolve upon, but you shall understand our resolution therein by the latter shipps, and as to Mr Charnock, wee esteeme it the Honorable Company's interest, and therefore doe order that hee finish this year's Saltpetre business at Pattanah and stay there to deliver up the remains of that Factory, before he remove to Cassumbuzar. *Mr Littleton do remain* at Cassumbuzar to goe on in the business there untill Mr Charnock come to reseive the charge of that factory from him.

$\frac{17}{18}$. The order about suspention you will finde explained. You will finde what strict orders are made and which wee are enjoyned and required to observe, in case of any of ours being ineffective or neglective in the observance of the rules prescribed for the management of the Honble Company's affairs, especially in the keeping of diarys, Consultations and accompts, which God willing wee shall upon default put in exetution accordingly.

Of suspension.

Of the orders concerning any being defective in observing the Company's rules.

19. The like wee shall also observe, as wee are ordered in case of any ones liveing or removeing from the place of their appointed residence concerning which the last yeare wee gave you directions.

Of liveing out of the appoynted places of residensyes.

21. Mr. Nurse having desired leave of us to goo down to the Bay to recover some moneys there due to him hee says promiseing to recover againe and proceed for England by these shipps, wee have granted his desire and permitted him to take his passage by one of these shipps for the Bay, and desire you to take care, hee may returne by them againe in order to his returne for England.

Mr Nurse permitted to goo to the Bay but to returne by the shipps.

23. The last yeare's orders for procuring a Phyrmaund are confirmed and hope you have proceeded and succeeded therein according to our directions and wishes.

The orders for procuring a Phyrmaund confirmed.

$\frac{26}{27}$. You will find the Honorable Company make great complaynts of of the Irregular packing and want in sale of their goods from the Bay, herewith wee send you the two papers sent to us concerning the same, and desire you to take effectuall care to prevent any such thing in future.

Of the Company's complaint of the Irregular packing and want of good from the Bay.

The notes upon the Nillads and recommended to observation (?)

Notes upon the Nillads, &c, recommended to observation.

64. 28. The samples sent in 2 boxes are continued in this shipps *Success* the quantityes, which the Honrble Company require of those are particularly set downe in their letter by ourselves and in the 62 Section of their letter to us.

Samples sent by the *Surress.*

$\frac{30}{31}$. Wee have continued the goods upon each of the shipps, which the Honorable Company appoynted for the Bay, and we have made up the stock in Bullion for the Bay something about one hundred thousand pounds, but as neer to that summe as we could bring it without breaking a chest, the particulars are in the invoyces and the amount as followeth :—

Goods apoynted for the Bay continued on the shipps.

58 Chests of silver, *viz.*:—

Stock in Bullion for the Bay.

20 chests per the *Golden Fleet*	$ 19,937	14	4
20 do. *Success*	„ 18,661	03	0
18 do. *George*	„ 18,505	05	9
	57,104	03	1
3 chests per the *Success*	43,385	08	5
	$ 100,489	11	6

62. 32. The particular goods which the Honorable Company mentioned in the 32 and 62 Sections of their letter to us to bee provided by you are the same which they have particularized in their letter to yourselves.

Of goods to bee provided at the Bay.

35. The directions given in the 35 Section about the estates of deceased persons theire nominated, we desire you to observe the Agent recommending the care of Mr Christopher Oxinden's Estate unto Mr Matts Vincent.

The directions about deceased persons' estates recommended to observation, and Mr Oxinden's Estate to the care of Mr Vincent.

36. You are to affix up the Indullgences sent out by the Honr^ble^ Comp^y^ in the dining rooms of every factory to which as the Honr^ble^ Comp^y^ have ordered us we enjoyne a strict observance in all the factories within this Agency
herewith one of the charter partyes for the shipp *Success*, and shall send you one for each of the other shipps with them for your Government.

To Indullgents to be affixt up in the dining rooms of each factory.

45. You are to take care that none of the Honorable Company's servants doo at any time runn into their debt and to pay them noe more than the proportion of salary due by their Rules, and yearly to send home the Accounts of each factory as the Honorable Company do order, and they direct us to advise them of all factorys complyaned herewith.

Care to be taken that none of the Company's servants run into their debts, &c., &c., and to send home each factoryes Accounts.

46. You are also to observe the rule & order given in the 46th Section, how factors' sallarys are to be paid and charge to account in the Honorable Company's Books.

to observe the rule for the paying and chargeing factors' sallaryes.

79. 47. You are to require M^r^ Edmund Bugden to what hee owes to the Honorable Company as they direct.

to require M^r^ Bugden to pay what hee owes to the Company.

48. You are to keep a Register of private trade that is driven as wee have formerly advised that wee doo.

A register of private trade to bee kept and an acc^t^ of goods laden upon the Company's shipps.

49. And you are to keep and send us an acc^t^ of all goods laden upon the Honorable Company's shipps from port to port, and of the freight received for the same.

50. We recommend to your due observance the directions given by the Honr^ble^ Compan^y^ in the 50th Section about setting downe the prises of the goods as they are really bought, and entering the same downe in your dyarys and consultations as we doo here.

The directions for setting down. The prises of goods in the diary and consultations recommended to observation.

52. The Honorable Company have ordered that passes shall bee granted only by their Agent and Council, wee send you herewith some blank passes signed and sealed which you are to fill up and deliver to such Imployers or owners of shipps as desire them that saile from the Bay, and are in amity with our Nation, the fees for which passes is 12 Rupees for a shipp, eight rupees for a sloop and six rupees for a boate, which you must receive of the persons that take them and pay
dyarys you are twice a year to enter downe the amount of these passes, how many you have received to whom you have given them out, with the names of the shipps and the plases from and to which they are bound and how many of them you have remaining, and you are to take notise that wee have this year given the same orders to the Commanders of the Europe shipps which we did the last yeare, as to the taking any of his Majesty's subjects out of the shipps that have noe passes, and as to the carrying up their shipps to Hughly and sending their men the Sloopes.

blanke passes sent to the Bay and the Fort for the same to bee rec^d^ and paid to the Secy. at the Fort.

Send account of the said passes to bee entered downe a yeare at the close of the Diarys.
Orders given to the Commanders to seize Ships such as saild without passes.

54. The order for acting what shall bee agreed upon by majority of votes in Councell you are to observe.

To act according to majority of votes.

55. And likewise the order now explayned concerning dead men's Estates.

of dead men's estates.

66. Having considered of what the Honorable Company advise of bring the Bay Bookes and stock into our Bookes, wee doo notwithstanding thinke it best to bring them into our Bookes for many reasons, which wee shall give them, and therefore doo desire you to send the Ballance of your Bookes to us according to former orders.

of bringing the Bay Bookes and stock into the Fort Bookes.

69. The directions of M^r^ Joseph Hall's longer stay in the Country, you are to acquaint him with.

Mr. Hall to bee acquainted with the directions for his stay in the Country.

75. The packett for the *Golden Fleet* being left behinde with the purser by reason the shipp mist the downes, wee have not received those papers of information from the Bay, of abuses committed there to the Company's prejudise, which we are required to examine in the 75 section, soe can say nothing to them.

of the Companys' demands upon Mr. Bugdens and dismissed him theire service.

79. The Honorable Company being, greatly disattisfied with Mr. Edmund Bugdens actings in their service, especially in the packing of their goods, have been pleased to require us to cause him to repay the Company for what is due to them, and on receipt of their letters to dismiss him their service, and his sallary, dyet, &c., is then to cease as yet hee had never been entertayned by them, but upon the conditions exprest by the Honorable Company, hee is also to remaine a yeare in the Country and then the next yeare to bee sent home without faile, as more at large in the 79th section of the Honorable Company's letters which we refer and we doo order you to proceed him accordingly.

Indico Armour, &c., sent to the Bay.

Having now finished our notes upon the Honorable Company's letter, we shall add what further offers and soo conclude untill the departure of the next shipps, by which time wee hope to heare from you.

Wee have now sent you a Barrell of Lahore Indisoe two suites of Armour, one for horse and another for foot, and a Copper Lymbeck, all which you desired by the last shipps.

Hastening the Investments and timely dispatch of the shipps recommended.

Wee recommend unto you the hastening of your Investments and the timely dispatch of the shipps according to the Honorable Comp^ys^ directions the last yeare.

If anything have slipt our memory in this, wee hope you will finde it supplyed in the Honorable Company's letter to us or yourselves and in our advises that are to follow, soo that wee shall not enlarge at present, but commending you to Divine protection remaine,

Your affectionate friends,
STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JOHN BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.
RICHARD MOHUN.

Extract from a letter from the Governor and Councell, Fort St. George, to MR. CHRISTOPHER HAPTON, *Chief, &c., Masulipatam, dated 26th June 1678.*

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About Shipps going up the Ganges, and the Companys incouragement.

The Honorable Company having charged us to use all the meanes for the attayning their desire that the ships may goo up the river Ganges, wee recommend it to you as a thing in our opinions very feezable, and of very great regulation, advantage, and security to the Honorable Company, and your owners, and therefore wish you would put it in practise, and carry your shipp up to Hughly or at least as farr as (Chamro ?) for which the Honorable Company did the last yeare give greater encouragement then ever, and they have not recalled the same this yeare, that is, that the owners shall have 40 per ton, on the whole shipps Tonnage, the Commanders £100, the Chief mate £20, the 2nd mate £16, the 3rd mate £12, the 4th mate £10 and one months pay to the rest of the Officers and seamen, all which wee doubt not, but they will make good accordingly, but if notwithstanding this great incouragement you will not hazzard going up with your shipp for want of orders from your owners, yet that the Channell and River may bee the better knowne to our Nation we order you to send up one of your Mates or midshippmenn or some other ingenious observing man in any one of the Honorable Company's Sloopes, every turne they make between Ballassore and Hughly ordering such your men to take good notice, and observation of the Shoals and sands, and to assist in sailing of the Sloopes, by which meanes, we hope our people in general will beecome acquainted with the passage up that river and soo make less difficulty of carrying shipps up then hither to it hath been apprehended to bee.

Honorable Company's order to take out Seamen to —take out of their shipps.

And for the better effecting the Honorable Company's desires of having their shipps goo up the River Ganges to Hughly, they have been pleased to order us to take out of their shipps some ingenious young men that are artists to bee imployed in their Sloopes, that by experience they may bee fitted to Pilott theire Sloopes up that River, wherefore if the Chief and Councell in the Bay should desire any such men of you wee desire you to spare them one or two if they bee willing to stay, and you to part with them, this being the Honr^{b} Compy^{s} order, and for their service you may not question their approbation thereof, notwithstanding your Charter party it having been allready practised by Captain Bonnell and Captaine Bendall in (1676) (and by Captain Stafford) (and Captain Thompson the last yeare) and well approved of by the Honorable Company) Having not farther to enlarge, we commend you to the protection of Almighty God and remaine,

Your very loving friends,

STREYNSHAM MASTER.

JOSEPH HYNMERS.

JOHN BRIDGER.

TIMOTHY WILKES.

RICHARD MOHUN.

No. 54.

Cassumbazur, November 1679.

To the President and Councell at Surratt, Honorable, &^{c}.

Letters with the Company's packetts received in Hugly.

Yours of the 26th and 27th August with the Honorable Company's packetts by your ships was delivered to us in Hughly by those your expresses, the first of this kind. It is not wee assure you out of forgettfullness that wee doo not sooner dispatch our pattamars from the Fort to carry the advises of the ships arrivall, but the necessity of sending our overland advises to the Honorable Company by the same persons, not but that wee know if they were sent later they would arrive time enough to go by the first ship to Persia, wee having noo more then the two peons that wee can depend upon to goo secure with our letters, but in regard you are soo passionately solicitous for a quicker dispatch, upon the first arrivall of our shipps, wee shall endeavour to make another pair of pattamars by dividing the old ones and joining other peons with them.

Ships *Bengall Merchant* and *London* arrived at Bombay and hopes of the *Ann's* arrival.

Wee take notice of the arrivall of the *Bengall Merchant* and *London* at Bombay and hope the *Anne* is allsoe since safe arrived with you.

Concerning custome at Broach.

And *Bengall.*

Mr. Charnock hath some months since advised that the Vackeel at Court was out of hopes of effecting any alterations of the customes at Surratt or Broach in the new phyrmannd hee is taking out, from which wee conclude there was a misunderstanding in his first advance thereabouts, but hee is promised a phyrmannd for trade custome free in the Bay, tho wee doubt 'twill bee a long time before it is obtained by reason, the *King* ? is engaged in——and M^{r} Charnock in————advises that hee hath not heard from the Vackeel since July last, when 30,000 rupees was remitted————to purchase the phyrmannd.

William Gilbert brought to his tryall.

Acquitted.

William Gilbert was the last yeare brought to his tryall by virtue of his powers granted in the Charter and the Jury bringing in a verdict not guilty, hee was quitted, soo the Commission from his Majesty for his tryall and execution if found guilty is come too late.

News.

Wee returne you our kind thanks for the newes you are pleased to impart of the French and other affairs, and wee are sorry for the death of our friend Mr Charles James.

Sultan Auzum recalled to Court and Shastaw Chawn re-—— the Government.

Sultan Auzum the Prince that lately governed these provinces is recalled to Court and marched away in great haste, and Shastaw Cawne the old Nabob is ordered downe againe having obtained the Government with the promise of his whole estate when hee dyes, and the present payment of three croer of rupees to the King; these alterations are very chargeable to the Company, but wee hope to have more favour from Shastwa Cawne then from the Princes Government.

Pattamars arrived within 50 days.

One of the pattamars falling sick, they did not arrive with us within the 50 dayes to merritt the gratuity promised them, but wee have paid them the ten rupees you appoynted upon Account of their hire, and they promise to make haste in their returne.

Packett to the Honorable Company recommended to care.

A duplicate thereof by the Good Hope.

The inclose packett to the Honorable Company wee intreat you to inclose in your packett to them by one of the ships bound home, if it arrives in time, if not, wee desire you to send it overland, and that it may not miss of conveyhance home wee send a duplicate thereof and of this letter, by the Good Hope, which will sayle from Hughly —— dayes, least the Pattamars should bee belated and should hapily arrive in time.

in danger by a storme.
escaped without harme.

Bengall Accounts rectified for these 9 years past.

pretre not arriving.

Occasions a late dispatch of the shipps.

Wee encountered with a storme coming over the Hughly into the Ganges in the Company's sloopes which put us in some danger, but praised bee God wee esscaped free of damage; since our arrivall wee have been much Imployed in setling the Company's business rights, which wee found in great disorder, especially as to the accounts for 9 yeares past, and therein wee have been soe successfull as to recover many and soo large summes of money that were in a manner lost. Wee arrived at this place the 7th Instant and if wee come to here any good news of the petre being dispeeded from Pattanah which is neare 1,000 tonns stopt there, wee shoud bee returning suddainly, but by reason thereof they will bee late in the Bay this yeare, and wee feare wee must at the last bee forced to buy petre at Hughly. God grant all may succeed for the best, and to yourselves health and prosperity are the unfeigned desire of

Sirs your very affectionate friends,

STREYNSHAM MASTER.

RICHARD MOHUN.

Transcribed &
Examined,
(Sd.) TIMOTHY HARRIS.

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Fort St. George, Thursday, the 20th February 167⅞.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQ^{RE}, *Agent and Govern^{r}.*

MR. JOSEPH HYNMERS.

„ TIMOTHY WILKES.

„ JOHN BRIDGER.

„ RICHARD MOHUN.

Upon perusall of severall letters relating to the procury of a Phyrmaund for Bengale.

Orders given to the Chief, &^{c}, at Hugly to procure the Mogull's Phyrmaund.

Wth relation to advices from the President and Councell of Surratt.

Upon perusall of the letters from Mr. Charnock, &^{c}, at Pattana to the Chief and Councell at Hugly, dated the 21st Sept^{r} and 28th Octob^{r} last, and of the Chief and Councell of Hugly their Consultation of the 20th Novemb^{r} and letter to Pattana of the 23rd Novemb^{r} and their letter to the Hono^{ble} Comp^{ee} of 20th Decemb^{r} last, and the Hono^{ble} Comp^{es} letter to them of the 19th July 1677: all relateing to the procury of the Great Mogull's Phyrmaund for trade custome free in the Bay Bengale, upon the debate thereupon it was resolved to be for the Hono^{ble} Comp^{es} service and their interest to give orders to the Chief and Councell at Hugly to obtaine the King's Phyrmaund for the English to be custome free in Bengale, Orixa and Bearra, and if they can to gett off the 3,000 rupees yearely paid at Hugly, and if Surratt, Baroach and Bundar Laree in Scinda may be included in the same Phyrmaund to be custome free in those places and all over the Empire without an adition of charge, then that they get those places and words inserted in the Phyrmaund, unless they receive advices from the President and Councell at Surratt to the contrary, but if the obtaining a Phyrmaund for Bengale, Orixa and Bearra may be procured at less charge than the other way then that they procure it for them places only or all the Empire over Surratt excepted, and doe not insert Surratt, Baroach and Bundar Laree in the Phyrmaund without particular directions from the President and Councell at Surratt soe to doe, and that noe time be lost in the accomplishing this business.

Warehouses, &^{c}, ordered to be built at Hugly.

Upon consideration of what the Chief and Councell at Hugly advise in their letter of 25th Octob^{r} about the want of buildings in the house at Hugly for accommodation of the Comp^{es} servants and warehouses for the security of their goods, and that the Factory and trade of that place is increased to more than double what it hath been in former times, and will still grow greater as the ships find the way up the Ganges, it was thought fitt to give orders that convenient warehouses and what accommodations are absolutely necessary shall be built at Hugly wherein they are to use all frugallity, and that they should endeavour to finish the said buildings before the arivall of the ships expected from England.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JNO. BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.
RICHARD MOHUN.

JOHN NICKS, *Sec^{ry}.*

Fort St. George, Saturday, the 28th June 1679.

AT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORDINARY, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQRE, *Agent and Governr.*

MR. JOSEPH HYNMERS.

„ TIMOTHY WILKES.

„ JOHN BRIDGER.

„ RICHARD MOHUN.

Ye Honoble Company's Packetts by ships *Success* and *George* read.

Ye Packett for the *Golden Fleece* left behind.

The Honoble Compes letters to the Agent and Councell and to the Chief and Councell at Hugly together with the other papers in the packetts received by the ships *Success* and *George* were read. The packett for the *Golden Fleece* being left behind with the Purser of the ship in the downes, some papers are wanting in these packetts wch the Honoble Compee mention in their letter and particularly the paper about the Mint, the informations against the Factors in the Bay and the Auditors exceptions to the Accotts.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.

JOSEPH HYNMERS.

JNO. BRIDGER.

TIMOTHY WILKES.

JOHN NICKS, *Secry.* RICHARD MOHUN.

Fort St. George, Thursday, the 10th July 1679.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQRE, *Agent and Governr.*

MR. JOSEPH HYNMERS.

„ TIMOTHY WILKES.

„ JOHN BRIDGER.

„ RICHARD MOHUN.

Ship *Success* to be dispatcht as soon as Pago coyned.

Resolved that ship *Success* Capt. Robert Cowley shall be dispatcht for Metchlepm and the Bay soe soon as there is 20,000 Pags coynes in the Mint to supply the Factorys at Metchlepm and Maddapollam wch may be by Saturday.

Two chests gold upon Ship *George* to be travast aboard the *Success.*

And that the greater stock may be sent downe ye first ship to the Bay to further their Investments there. It is thought fitt and ordered that the two chests gold upon ship *George* No. L. M., amounting to Pounds 28,735-00-11 be travast aboard the *Success.*

Ordered that one barrell of Lahore Indico, 2 suits of armour, one for a horseman and another for a footman, and a Copper Limbeck be shipt aboard the *Success* for the Bay.

Indico, 2 suits armour and a Copper Lymbeck sent to the Bay.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JNO. BRIDGER.
TIM. WILKES.
JOHN NICKS, *Secry.* RICHARD MOHUN.

Fort St. George, Saturday, the 12th July 1679.

AT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORDINARY, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQRE. *Agent and Governr.*
MR. JOSEPH HYNMERS.
,, JOHN BRIDGER.
,, RICHARD MOHUN.

The whole Councell being duly summoned.

Whereas the Honoble Compe have by their letters of the 3rd January 167$\frac{8}{9}$ apointed Mr. Job Charnock to be Chief of Cassumbazar. It is nevertheless resolved to be for the Compes interest to order that Mr. Charnock doe finish this yeare's saltpetre business at Pattana and stay there to deliver up the remaines of that Factory before he remove to Cassumbazar, and that Mr. Littleton doe remain at Cassumbazar to goe on with the business there untill Mr. Charnock doe come to receive the remaines of that Factory from him.

Mr. Charnock to finish this year's business at Pattana before he goe to Cassumbazar.

Mr. Littleton to remain at Cassumbazar until Mr. Charnock arive.

A letter to the Chief and Councell of the Bay at Hugly, dated this day, was read and passed.

A letter to the Chief and Councell at Hugly.

Capt Robert Cowley, Commander of ship *Success*, his dispatch to the Bay of this date was read and passed.

Ship *Success* dispatch to the Bay read and passed.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JNO. BRIDGER.
TIMOTHY WILKES.
JOHN NICKS, *Secry.* RICHARD MOHUN.

Fort St. George, Monday, the 14th July 1679.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQRE. *Agent and Governr.*
MR. JOSEPH HYNMERS.
,, TIMOTHY WILKES.
,, JOHN BRIDGER.
,, RICHARD MOHUN.

The settlement of the Factorys in the Bay and ye Agents goeing down

Yᵉ settlement of the Factorys in yᵉ Bay debated.

there was proposed and discoursed, and the further debate thereof referd to another day.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JNO. BRIDGER.
JOHN NICKS, *Secry.* TIMOTHY WILKES.
RICHARD MOHUN.

Fort St. George, Thursday, the 17th July 1679.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQRE, *Agent and Governr.*
MR. JOSEPH HYNMERS.
„ TIMOTHY WILKES.
„ JOHN BRIDGER.
„ RICHARD MOHUN.

The settlement of the Factorys in the Bay being taken into consideration and there apearing many difficultys therein by reason that the Honoble Company have apointed Mr. Charnock, Chief of Cassumbazar, and dismissed Mr. Bugden their service, and tis allsoe said that Mr. Read intends to goe for England by these ships, these alterations and the state of the Company's affairs in those parts being debated and in respect alsoe to the 8th Article of the orders made the 18th day of December 1667: it is resolved to be necessary and for the service of the Honoble Compe for the Agent to voyage downe upon the ships to visit those Factorys subordinate to this jurisdiction, to settle all those Factorys and affairs in good order, the business here being in a good posture, the country in peace, and that Mr. Richd Mohun of the Councell, one of the Chaplaines, the Secretary and some of the young men doe accompany the Agent in this visitation.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOSEPH HYNMERS.
JNO. BRIDGER.
JOHN NICKS, *Secry.* TIMOTHY WILKES.
RICHARD MOHUN.

Fort St. George, 1st August 1679.

The Right Worppll Streynsham Master, Esqre, Agent and Governour, with Mr. Richard Mohun, Mr. Richard Elliot, Mr. John Nicks, Mr. John Thomas, Factors, Richard Browne, William Rivet, John Goddard and Henery Oxinden, writers, embarqued on the *Golden Fleece* & the *George* for Metchlepatam and Bengala, which ships sayled about 11 at night.

On board Ship *Golden Fleece*, 8th August 1679.

In the evening Mr. Hatton, &c, went ashore, & after midnight the wind coming up we sett sayle for Ballasore.

Ships sett sayle for Ballascre.

Of the Dutch Company's affairs.

9th.—At Metchlepatam the Dutch have landed this yeare a very great stock in silver, copper and spice wherewith tis reported they intend to carry on vast investments to the prejudice of the English business, having advanced 10 ꝑ cent. of the usuall prizes of all sorts of callicoes and with gold coyned at Pollicat some months since, paid off all their debts upon the Coast, and doe now in all their Factorys make their investments with ready mony advanced to the marchants wch they never did heretofore. Notwithstanding which our marchants goe on cheerfully in their business, not questioning but to comply with the contracts made with them by the Agent, &c, at Metchlepm. and at Madapollam in March and in April last, having already brought in good quantitys of cloth in both Factorys.

Arived near Ballasore Road.

17th.—We arived near Ballasore Road, but by reason of small winds could not get in to birth ourselves. In the evening we sent our boat aboard the *Success* to bring some tideings, wch returned with advice from Capt Cowley that he arived in this road upon the 4th instant, and the next day two of the sloops came aboard of him with Mr. Richard Edwards, Chief of Ballasore, who landed 5 chests treasure at Ballasore, and dispatched the sloopes to Hugly the 7th with all the rest of the treasure and other goods aboard him except ye lead, and they expected the sloopes back againe in 8 or 10 days.

18th.—We sent our boat ashore with the following letters:—

To—Mr. Richard Edwards, Chief, &c, Councell in Ballasore.

Mr. Edwards to come aboard.

to provide for the Agents, &c., comeing ashoare.

You will find in the inclosed to the Chief and Councell at Hugly the occasion of our comeing to visit the Honoble Compes Factorys in these parts wch letter we desire you to send by express to Hugly, and having done that we desire Mr. Edwards to come aboard ship to give us acco tt of the state of the Factory, first giving directions for the puting all things in good order for our coming ashoare and handsome reception at Ballasore, for we understand from Capt Cowley that ye sloops may not returne under 8 or 10 dayes, if you have noe Budgroes wth you 'twill be necessary to bring 2 or 3 Budgroes downe for the carryage of our necessarys and attendance by water, and if we must goe by land you will consider to provide pallankeens and horses to accommodate ourselves and those yt accompany us wch will be the Commanders, the Chaplaine and some others, this being the needfull we remaine,

Your loving friends,

Aboard ship *Golden Fleece*,
in Ballasore Road,
August 18th 1679.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
RICHARD MOHUN.

To—The Worpll Mathias Vincent, Chief, &c, Councell at Hugly.

Ships *Golden Fleece* and *George* arived.

These are to give you notice of the arivall of the ships *Golden Fleece* and *George* in this road with the remainder of the stock in treasure and goods designed for the Bay this yeare, and therewithall to advise you that upon the debates in Councell at the Fort for the settling ye Factorys in these parts, by reason of the alterations wch are made by the Honoble Compa in their letters by these ships, and alsoe in respect to the 8th Article of the orders made the 18th day of December 1667: It was resolved to be necessary and for the service of the Company for the Agent to voyage downe upon the ships to visit these Factorys,

The Agent to visitt these Factorys.

to settle the same and put all other affairs in good order, one of the Councell and some others to accompany him in this visitation, and accordingly we left the Fort the first instant, arrived at Metchlepm. the 4th and departed thence the 10th and yesterday praised be God came to anchor near this road where we found ye *Success* Capt Robert Cowley from whome we understand that the sloops *Ganges* and *Lilly* went up from hence the 7th with the treasure, &c, that came upon him and in regard it may be 8 or 10 days before the sloops returne againe we intend to goe ashoare at Ballasore to visit that Factory in order to wch we doe now send for Mr. Edwards off to give us an Accott of the state thereof, and to prepare for our handsome reception ashoare, and alsoe to send these forward to you by express, by wch we desire you to hasten all the Company's three sloops downe to us, to carry up ye treasure and other goods upon these ships, and to accommodate our proceeding up to you, and when we come in the river we desire you to send Budgroes for our better passage to Hugly where we assure ourselves of a hearty wellcome and you of a friendly encounter with

To hasten the sloops downe.

Your affectionate friends,

Aboard ship *Golden Fleece*,
in Ballasore Road,
August 18th 1679.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
RICHARD MOHUN.

Mr. Richd Edwards came aboard.

19th.—In the morning Mr. Richard Edwards came aboard ship and gave us Acctt that he had forwarded the preceeding letter to Hugly the last night, and against to-morrow morning there would be fitting accommodation at ye Banksall by the rivers mouth to carry the Agent, &c, to Ballasore.

Ye Agent, &c., went ashoare.

20th.—In the forenoon the Agent, &c, with the Commanders of the ships went ashoare, and at the Banksall upon the point of sand there met us a kinsman of the Governor of Ballasore whome he had sent with his two ellephants, some horses, flaggs, drums, &c, alsoe other persons of quality of the towne and the Compas marchants to accompany the Agent to towne, where by Palankeens, we arived at the shuting in of the day.

Mellick Cossum, &c, come to visitt the Agent.

21st.—In the morning Mellick Cossum, the Governor of Ballasore, with the Buxy, Shabundar, and other officers of ye towne came to give the Agent a visitt at the Compas Factory with apearance of great friendship.

Mellick Cossum provides a Feast for the Agent.

22th.—Mellick Cossum, the Governr, sent his kinsman to the Agent to acquaint him that he has provided victualls to entertain him at a feast, and therefore desired to know whether he would come and eat it at his house or have it sent to the Factory, the Agent endeavoured what he could to excuse both, but in the evening the victualls were sent to the Factory.

He sent the Agent some carps.

23th.—Mellick Cossum sent the Agent some carps taken in one of his own tankes, and the messenger his kinsman desired the Agent would return his visitt without long delay.

Ye Agent, &c, went to visit Mellick Cossum ye Governr.

Monday the 25th.—In the forenoone the Agent with Mr. Richard Mohun and Mr. Richard Edwards went to visit Mellick Cossum, the Governr, but the Agent would not carry any gold or silver to present him as is usuall upon first visits, but not practiced by persons of equall quallity, only by inferiours to those of a higher degree, the Presidents not doeing it to the Governours of Surratt tho of greater quallity then Mellick Cossum, and tho the Chiefs in the Bay doe it to the Governrs here, yet 'sit thought fit they should know the difference between the Agent and those Chiefs.

Ye Acctts examined.

25th.—The Acctts of this Factory having been examined by the Agent and found to be behind hand in great disorder and confusion, and the copy bookes of letters perused; he ordered Mr. John Byam the Second of the Factory to draw up the Acco^{tts} and to adjust them with the broker and the marchants imediately without delay, that all Acc^{tts} and other affairs might be settled in this Factory in due order before the Agent leaves it.

Y^{e} warehouse examined, & y^{e} cash.

The warehouse and the Acc^{tts} thereof were allsoe examined, and the gold in the chest, and the cash found to agree with the Acc^{tts}, being Rs. 10,133-10-7.

Boate cast away upon the Barr.

Will. Bellamy drowned.

27.—Mr. Matthew Sheppard, Mr. Valentine Nurse and Mr. William Bellamy going aboard the ships in a country boat, and the sea being some thing rough upon the Barr the boat fill'd with water and sunke, all the boatmen, natives, swume to the shoare, Cap^{t} Cowley being then goeing off in his skiff rowed back and saved Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Nurse, but Mr. Bellamy was drowned before the skiff came to them, God grant we may at all times be prepared to dye; from sudden death good Lord deliver us.

The Comp^{as} three sloopes arived.

An English seaman carryed away by a tyger.

28.—The Comp^{as} three sloopes the *Arivall*, *Ganges* and *Lilly* came into the road from Hugly, and the Gen^{ll} letter from the Chief and Councell at Hugly by them brought ashoare, whereupon John Threader who was sent downe wth orders about the lading the said sloopes was sent for to come ashoare and bring the orders with him; in their voyage downe an English seaman, Thomas Labrum, that belonged to the *Ganges* being ashoare upon an island a shooting was carryed away by a tyger, the Master of vessell seeing him but not able to help him.

The march^{ts} treated with about y^{e} prizes and musters of goods.

30th.—The Comp^{as} marchants were sent for to examine and adjust the prizes and the musters of the Sannoes, Ginghams and Niellacs contracted for, for this yeare's Investment, but they drove off the time from morning untill late in the evening out of designs to avoyd it, for then they apeared very averse to any such thing standing obstinately upon the prizes, and declared that they would not undertake the Investment except the full mony were paid them beforehand, notwithstanding many of them are considerably in arrears to the Company by such advances.

Ballasore, Monday, the 1st September 1679.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQ., *Agent.*
MR. RICHARD MOHUN.
„ RICHARD EDWARDS.

Why Mr. Edwards called into Councell.

Although Mr. Edwards is not of the ordinary Councell to the Agent, yet being of the degree of senior marchants w^{ch} are of the extraordinary Councell, it is thought fit to call him into the Councell at this time to take his advice in the affairs of this Factory whereof he hath had y^{e} charge as Chief for near two yeares.

Y^{e} march^{ts} stands upon y^{e} prizes, &c., for the Investm^{t}.

The Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} marchants at this place being sent for before the Agent and Councell, and treated with concerning the musters and the prizes of this yeare's Investment for goods to be provided here, and they standing very obstinately upon their former custome for only a head muster, and that they would not abate or alter anything of the contract made with the Chief and Councell of this Factory as to the prizes, tho they desired an abatement of the rate upon the gold, urging that they should be great loosers by it, and that cotton was dearer now then the last yeare, and the customes doubled by new exactions in severall places of the country.

The Agent and Councell taking the same into consideration did not thinke it worthwhile to dispute it with them about 2nd and 3rd musters knowing the obstinacy of these people, and that the goods could not be sorted without such musters (tho' the marchants pretended they would bring in only of the head sort) and therefore ordered Mr. Edwards that when he began to sort the goods he should chuse out fitt peeces for 2nd and 3rd musters and seale and marke them to remaine in the Factory to sort by hereafter; and it apearing upon examination that the prizes agreed for the last yeare and the same this yeare are much under 10 ⅌ cent. which is all the abatement the Honoble Compa require, and that only upon the prizes of the Sannoes sent home by the *Eagle* and *Johanna*, 1676: and finding upon inquiry that there are noe other marchants hereabouts soe able and capable to procure the said goods, or that can undertake them cheaper, it was thought fit to confirme the said contract for the investment made by the Chief, &c the 17th of July last, which is for the following goods and at the following prizes:—

2nd and 3rd musters to be sealed.

Ye Contract of 17th July confirmed.

10,000 pes. Sannoes whited and cured 30 covd long 2 covd broad—

Suro Sannoes	Head Nº A. at $74\frac{1}{16}$	Rupees ⅌ Corge.
	Belly Nº B. at $69\frac{1}{16}$	
	Foot Nº C. at $64\frac{1}{16}$	
Herapore Sannoes	Head Nº A. at 67½	Rupees ⅌ Corge.
	Belly Nº B. at 62½	
	Foot Nº C. at 57½	
Mohunpore Sannoes	Head Nº A. at $59\frac{9}{32}$	Rupees ⅌ Corge.
	Belly Nº B. at $54\frac{9}{32}$	
	Foot Nº C. at $49\frac{9}{32}$	

10,000 pes. Ginghams coloured 20 covd long & 2 covd broad—

Head Nº A. at 56	Rupees ⅌ Corge.
Belly Nº B. at 51½	
Foot Nº C. at 45	

10,000 pes. Nillaes 20 coveds long & 2 coveds broad—

Fine	Head Nº A. at 80	Rupees ⅌ Corge.
	Belly Nº B. at 75	
Ordinary	Head Nº A. at 70	Rupees ⅌ Corge.
	Belly Nº B. at 64	
	Foot Nº C. at 57¼	

The prizes of the same sorts of goods sent home upon the *Eagle* and *Johanna* Anno 1676 are as followeth—

Suro Sannoes		Head Nº A. at 90	Rupees ⅌ Corge.
		Belly Nº B. at 87	
		Foot Nº C. at 80	
Herapore Sannoes		Head Nº A. at 82	Rupees ⅌ Corge.
		Belly Nº B. at 79	
		Foot Nº C. at 76	
Mohunpore Sannoes		Head Nº A. at 72	Rupees ⅌ Corge.
		Belly Nº B. at 68	
		Foot Nº C. at 65	
Ginghams coloured		Head Nº A. at 63	Rupees ⅌ Corge.
		Belly Nº B. at 58	
		Foot Nº C. at 54	
Nillaes	Fine	Head Nº A. at 95	Rupees ⅌ Corge.
		Belly Nº B. at 90	
	Ordinary	Head Nº A. at 80	Rupees ⅌ Corge.
		Belly Nº B. at 75	
		Foot Nº C. at 70	

Y^{e} abatement.

Whereby it apears that the Sannoes are above 20 ⅌ cent. cheaper now then in 1676, the Ginghams about 12 ⅌ cent. and the Nallacs about 16 ⅌ cent. cheaper.

The conditions for payment.

Chincham and Chittamund offer security.

w^{ch} is accepted.

The payment for this yeare's Investment the march^{ts} agreed to take in gold at 14 rupees ⅌ tola and in ryalls, &^{c} at 208 rupees ⅌ cent. or 240 rupees sicca weight as the last yeare, and it being urged to them to receive but halfe the mony beforehand, and the other half upon clearing their Acc^{tts} within a month after the ships' departure, they would by noe means be brought to consent unto it, but stood to have all the mony for the whole Investment upon the head sorts of goods paid them in hand, and declared that if upon adjusting the Acc^{tts}, they owed anything, they would be bound under a penalty to repay it in 10 days after demand or to forfeit the Comp^{as} Imployment. Whereupon the Agent and Councell proposed to them to give security for the monys soe advanced without which they thought it not safe to pay the full mony beforehand, some of the marchants having lately failed by whome the Company were like to suffer, to w^{ch} Chimchamsaw and Chittamullsaro (the only mony'd men amongst the marchants) answered, that if they two might have such a share of the Investm^{t} settled to them as they had underwritten in Banian language in the contract in July last, that is $\frac{4}{10}$ to Chimcham and $\frac{2}{10}$ to Chittamund, and that the other $\frac{4}{10}$ might be paid to such persons of the old marchants as the Chief of the Factory and they should agree upon, then they would joyntly be security for the said $\frac{4}{10}$ of the Investment distributed amongst other marchants, and severally for themselves. This proposall being debated it was thought fit to close wth them therein considering the great danger of bad debts from the arrears of severall persons of small or noe estates, imployed in the Investments. The said Chimchamsaw and Chittamundsaw allowing the arrears of their owne and the other marchants' Acco^{tts} in the monys now to be advanced upon this yeare's Investment, and agreeing to have noe mony paid them hereafter untill after the ships' arivall, and yearely to repay the overplus they shall receive within a month after the ships' departure, or to allow 1½ ⅌ cent. ⅌ mensem interest for the same, if the Chief and Councell shall thinke fit upon such non-payment to continue them longer in the Imployment to all w^{ch} they agreed excepting for and against the arrears of monys due from Chicosotca, Bogwoitedas & Cowull w^{ch} were esteemed desperate, and therefore they would not engage for them, w^{ch} was allowed by the Agent and Councell, and agreed that a contract of this import should be sealed and interchanged wth them. It being proposed to the marchants to have this contract for the prizes of the Investment to continue many yeares without alteration and they to receive the gold and ryalls, &^{c}, at the same rates, they would not consent thereunto, but declared that if at any time they did not provide such goods as the Company required as cheap as any others could doe it, then the Chief and Councell might imploy others and not them therein.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.

RICHARD MOHUN.

JOHN NICKS, *Sec^{ry}.* RICHARD EDWARDS.

Nine Dutch ships passed through the road.

3rd.—There hath been soe much wind and rain from the 28th to this day and a fresh in the river that noe boates could pass between the ships and shoare. This day nine Dutch ships passed through the road near our ships bound up to Hugly, all fly boates. We received a packett from Hugly intended to y^{e} Fort ⅌ the *Aperance.*

Wednesday the 3rd.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQ., *Agent.*

MR. RICHARD MOHUN.

„ RICHARD EDWARDS.

Ye Agreemt wth the marchants ordered to be ingrossed.

Ye Ballance of the marchants' Accotts to ye 30th Aprill 1679.

The Agreement with the marchants being drawne up into severall articles they were sent for and the contents thereof communicated to them, wherein severall alterations were made, agreed upon and ordered to be engrossed. The severall marchants' accotts being drawne to a ballance to the 30th of Aprill last, they were brought in and ye marchants acknowledged the respective sumes due from them thereupon, *vizt*—

	Rups	a.	p.
Chinchamsaw	10,210	03	6

only he excepts against a charge of Rups 410-13 for four iron guns.

	Rups	a.	p.
Chittamunosaw	5,441	15	3
Hierasaw	745	07	3
Hingoosaw	279	15	0
For which sumes being	16,677	09	0

To be upon this yeare's investment.

Of ye differences in their Accotts.

Mr. Richard Edwards is ordered to take their receipts in the receipt booke, that it is to be in part of the mony for this present yeare's Investment, some smaller debts were acknowledged, and the mony ordered to be paid into cash and there apeare other sumes to be due from severall of the marchants upon the Company's Bookes which they will not acknowledge, and therefore must be cleared by those that have been formerly in this Factory, or by examining the bookes and papers at Hugly, there being none here of earlier date then the first of May 1677, from which time this ballance aforementioned is adjusted.

Bugwoitedas a bad debt.

Bugwoitedas owing Rups 2,851,04-0 he acknowledged the same, and gave a new bill for it at this time, and not being able to pay the debt, 'tis ordered to be entered under ye title of Doubtfull Debts.

Cowull a bad debt.

Nothing allowed him for his loss by the fire.

Cowull's debt of Rups 7,182-15-0 he came and acknowledged, but claimed an allowance for 855 pcs. Cossaes burnt in the Factory Anno 1674 valued at Rups 7 6 anns ℔ pce. is Rups 6,270 for wch he hath as yet had noe credit in the Company's Bookes, and the other marchants present did affirme that Mr. Clavell offered to allow him half his loss, but he refused it, and that is the reason he has had nothing allowed to his credit for that loss to this time, and not being able to pay the remainder; 'tis ordered that his debt be entered under the title of Desperate or Doubtfull Debts.

Rupees 5,000 paid Mr. Bugden by Chimcham not entered in the Bookes.

Chimchamsaw and Hurry Churne, the house-broker, did now affirme in the presence of the Agent and Councell and the marchants that the said Chim-

How to be charged.

cham did pay & deliver into the hands of Mr. Edmund Bugden the sume of one thousand rupees upon the 21st day of December 1677, and the sume of four thousand rupees upon the tenth day of January following, both which sumes making 5,000 Rupees were paid upon Acco^{tt} of Ryalls of eight of the Comp^{as} delivered to Chimcham, but the said Chimcham hath noe credit upon the Com^{as} Bookes for the said 5,000 Rupees as appears upon examination, altho the house-broker hath it entered in his Acc^{tts} by w^{ch} means he remaines a greater debtor upon ballance then he ownes, wherefore 'tis ordered that the said 5,000 Rupees be charged to Chimcham's Acc^{tt} which he disownes, and the particulars with the reasons declared in y^{e} Journall parcell.

Rupees 1,000 paid Mr. Bugden by Jurageshaw not entered in the Bookes.

How to be charged.

Jurageshaw being dead since the payment of 1,000 Rupees to Mr. Bugden and his order upon the Company's Acc^{tt} his brother Minidas and Hurry Churne, y^{e} house-broker, did now affirme in presence of the Agent and Councell and the marchants, that the said Jurageshaw did pay the sume of one thousand rupees upon the 5th day of January 167⅞, that is to say, 500 Rupees to Mr. Edmund Bugden and 500 Rupees in cowries to Mr. Rich^{d} Frenchfield by Mr. Bugden's order for the Company's Acc^{tt} for Ryalls eight sold to the said Jurageshaw, for which 1,000 Rupees he hath noe credit in the Company's bookes altho the Banian Hurry Churne, house-broker, hath entered it in his booke, therefore 'tis ordered that the said 1,000 Rupees be charged to Jurageshaw's Acco^{tt}, which is disowned and the particular reasons declared in y^{e} Journall parcell.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
RICHARD MOHUN.
JOHN NICKS, *Sec^{ry}.* RICHARD EDWARDS.

The Agreement with y^{e} Ballasore Marchants.

The Agreement made between the Agent and Councell, for affairs of the Hono^{ble} English East India Comp^{a} upon the Coast of Chormandell and in the Bay of Bengale, and the said Comp^{as} Marchants, Chimchamsaw, Chittamundsaw & Comp^{a} at Ballasore y^{e} 3rd day of Septemb^{r} 1679 :—

Y^{e} share in the Investments.

1st.—That the Investments for goods to be bought for y^{e} Hono^{ble} English East India Comp^{a} in this Factory of Ballasore being divided into ten equall parts shall be sub-divided and alloted or proportioned as follows :—

four of the ten parts to Chimchamsaw,
two of the ten parts to Chittamundsaw,
and the other four of the ten parts to the rest of the Company's marchants, such of them and in such proportions as the Chief of this Factory and the said Chimchamsaw and Chittamundsaw shall agree upon from time to time.

The security for monys advanced.

2nd.—The said Chimchamsaw and Chittamundsaw for and in consideration of their said respective shares in the Investments doe hereby promise and oblige themselves severally and proportionable to their said shares, to be security and responsible for all the goods, treasure, monys and effects whatsoever, w^{ch} shall be paid, advanced or delivered unto them or either of them or to any of the other marchants by their consents upon Acc^{tts} of the said Investments, that is to say Chimchamsaw is responsable for his owne four-tenths, and for two-thirds of the four-tenths for the marchants, and Chittamundsaw is responsable for his owne two-tenths, and for one-third of the four-tenths for the other marchants.

When to be paid.

3rd.—It is agreed that the full sumes w^{ch} the Investments shall amount unto shall be yearly paid or delivered to the said marchants in current mony or in treasure wthin one month after the arivall of the ships to an anchor in

Arrears to be repaid.

or to allow 1½ ⅌ cent. ⅌ mensem interest.

this road from England, and use part of it before the arivall of the ships, and if upon making up the Acctts, after the ships' departure or after the full Investment is delivered and sorted, there shall remaine any monys in arrears in the marchants' hands, the said Chimchamsaw and Chittamundsaw doe hereby promise and oblige themselves according to their proportions before mentioned to repay the same within one month after the ships' departure, or within ten days after demand thereof by the Chief of the Factory, and in case of non-payment of such arrears they promise and agree to pay one and a half ⅌ cent. ⅌ mensem for interest untill payment, and shall forfeit and loose their and each of their respective shares and proportions alotted to them in the Comp^{as} Investments as aforesaid, if it shall be thought fit not to imploy them afterwards.

Y^{e} Investm^{t} when to be bespoke.

to buy as cheap as others.
When to be delivered or returned.

4th.—The orders for the Investments shall be given to the marchants and agreed upon between the Chief and Councell of the Factory and them some time in the month of March yearely, and the said marchants doe promise and agree to provide all such goods as the Comp^{a} or the Agent and Councell or the Chief and Councell of the Bay shall require to be provided at this Factory of Ballasore, at as reasonable and cheap rates and as good goods as any other marchants can provide or sell the same, and they promise and oblige themselves to deliver all the said goods at the Comp^{as} house by the 25te day of November yearly, and what goods come in too late to be sent home upon the ships are to be returned upon the marchants.

Interest 1½ ⅌ cent. for mony lent.

5^{thly}.—If the said marchants shall desire any of the Comp^{as} mony before the arivall of the ships, and the Chief and Councell shall thinke convenient to pay it to them, the said marchants doe agree to allow 1½ ⅌ cent. per mensem for the same for soe long time as it shall remaine in their hands before the arivall of the ships.

If any fall short.

6th.—If any marchant shall fall short of his proportion of the goods aloted to him to provide, and the Company be thereby disappointed of the full returnes of their Investments, that marchant soe falling short shall forfeit and loose his part and share in the Investments for ever after, provided it were not caused through troubles & stopage of goods in the country.

How long to continue this Agreement.

7th.—This Agreement shall remaine and be in force untill the Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} from England shall give order for altering or voyding of the same, unless the marchants through their default shall cause a breach thereof. In witness whereof the Agent and Councell have sett their hand and the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} seale to one part, and the said marchants have sett their hands and seales to one other part, which are interchangeably delivered in ye Compas Factory house in Ballasore the day and yeare first above written.

Chincham O

Chittamund O

Y^{e} Honble Company's Seale.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
RICHARD MOHUN.
RICHARD EDWARDS.

Explanation of the 2nd Article of the Agreement.

It is declared that Chimchamsaw and Chittamundsaw are joyntly responable for all such monys or effects as shall be paid and delivered to the other march^{ts} upon the four-tenths alloted to them, as they the said Chimchamsaw and Chittamundsaw shall underwrite or pass receipts for in the Company's Receipt booke and not otherwise.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
RICHARD MOHUN.
RICHARD EDWARDS.

JOHN NICKS, *Sec^{ry}.*

Fryday, the 5th.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQre, *Agent.*
MR. RICHARD MOHUN.
RICHARD EDWARDS.

Yê lead to remain aboard the ships.

John Threader comeing ashoare the last night with his orders from the Chief and Councell at Hugly wherein they give directions for the ladeing of the lead aboarde the sloopes, the Commanders being sent for into Councell and advised with therein, they declared their willingness to deliver it if it were required, but that it would be safer for the ships, and a readyer way to ballast the sloopes when they brought downe the petre to leave it aboard, the safety of the ships being more the Compas interest than the owners, by how much their concerne is greater than the others.

Ye Sloope *Arivall* leakey to hale ashoare.

The sloope *Arivall* proving very leaky making 8 inches water in an hour before she hath her ladeing in, it was not thought safe to adventure to load her up to Hugly and therefore she is ordered to hale ashoare at the point of sand by the rivers mouth to Calke, and if 'tis found that she wants other works to be done to her, then to be brought up to Ballasore, and repaired.

Orders to the Commanders.

Ordered that Mr. Richard Edwards doe issue orders to the Commanders for the delivery of the goods & treasure aboard the sloopes.

Instructions for Mr. Edwards, &c.

A paper of instructions drawne up for Mr. Richard Edwards, Chief, &c., Councell of this Factory, was read & passed.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOHN NICKS, *Secry.*
RICHARD MOHUN.
RICHARD EDWARDS.

MR. RICHARD EDWARDS, Chief, &c., Councell in Ballasore.

Ye agreement wth ye marchants delivered.

We having upon due consideration confirmed your contract of the 17th July last with the marchants for the Honoble Compas Investments at this place, & resolved upon a way to secure our Honoble Masters from bad debts wch we find have growne apace upon them the last three or four yeares (tho we must doe you right to declare you have made none that we can find, but recovered in some part of those made by others) by takeing security from the ablest monyed men amongst them, for the rest, wch agreement we deliver you herewith signed and sealed by Chinchamsaw and Chittamundsaw, who are the persons that have engaged themselves joyntly for all the monys to be advanced to others, and severally for what they shall receive themselves upon the whole Investments yearely as apears by the contents thereof, wch we order you punctually to observe, untill you shall receive other directions.

Consultations delivered.

Allsoe we deliver you all our Consultations held in this place at this visitation for your better direction in the observation of those things ordered therein; wch Consultations together with these our instructions, and all ye other papers now delivered you we order to be entered in your Diary and Consultation Book immediately after our departure from hence, but you need not send the copys to Hugly, yet they must be entered in the copys you are to send home and to the Fort.

How to enter the marchants' Accotts in the Bookes.

To adjust their Accotts every yeare under penalty.

In reguard the Investment is now settled under the security of two persons, we thinke it will be best to keepe the Accotts in the Honoble Compas Bookes under the title of Chimchamsaw, Chittamundsaw and Company only; but yearely to sett downe in your Consultation and Warehouse Bookes the distinct and respective shares, and ye sums of mony paid to and the goods reced. from every individuall person, that soe in case of any bad debt made you may be the better able to asertaine the damage, but if upon a yeare's or longer experience you doe find inconvenience in this way, then you may alter it, and keep the Accotts under severall titles as shall be found plainest and best for the Compas interest, allways observing to adjust and even Accotts with the marchants, and to pass mutuall discharges with them after the ships' departure for England in December or January yearely, and for your neglect thereof we will not admit of any excuse, but doe hereby forewarne you, assuring you of the execution of the Honoble Company's severest orders, that is dismission from their service, and to be sent for England upon your first default in this particular, therefore looke you to it.

A Receipt Booke.

You are to keepe a Receipt Booke, and therein to take receipts for all monys paid, and the amott of all goods delivered, and you are to pass receipts to the marchants in the like manner to avoyd further differences in Accotts which there now happens in the former Accotts for want of such punctuallity.

Of sortments.

You must take care to keep the marchants up to ye goodness of the goods, and therefore to make but three sorts and noe fourth sortment of any of the goods wthout consultation, and then that there apeare a necessity to compleat the quantitys wch the Compa require, and you are not at any time to receive, pack or lade any other sorts of goods then such as you shall from time to time receive orders for; except a bale of new sorts of goods for tryall of marketts, if you find out any such you may yearely lade a bale of each sort as the Honoble Compa do now direct.

Of Nillaes.

The Honoble Compa are pleased in their last letter, dated the 3rd January 167$\frac{8}{9}$, to give the following directions about Nillacs wch you are to observe:—

"We find the Nillaes that are most vendible are ye sort that are finest and most glossy, and stript with the lightest colours, as hair colour, sky colour and the like, but those that are red and tanny ground striped with the black are not vendible here."

Thus haveing done wth what relates to the settling of the business of your Investments, we come now to that of your Accotts of this Factory, wherein upon examination we have found great confusions and such gross errours to the prejudice of the Honoble Compa as we presume cannot be paralel'd in any place, but you excuse yourselves of these unpardonable crimes and enormitys by reason you had noe Bookes of the Accotts of the Factory untill the 14th Aprill last when Mr. Byam came from Hugly and brought with him the bookes kept by Mr. Bugden begun the 1st of May 1677 & ending the 30th Aprill 1678: wch Mr. Byam as he was ordered brought to a ballance after his arivall here, but was not to alter any article therein, and 'tis in those bookes we have found the gross errours we complaine of, and wch we shall now give you directions how to rectifie, that soe they being once put into a method and order to be understood you may keepe up wth them accordingly.

Errour in cash short Rups 7,729-05-9.

The first grand errour is in the Accott of cash wch by the ballance of the foresaid bookes stands Dr. Rups 8,645-12-9 and we find by your Cash Booke that the ballance of your cash the 30th Aprill 1678 was but Rups 916-07-0 soe there is a want of cash Rups 7,729-05-9, wch we find by your Copy Booke of Letters you advised of to the Chief and Councell at Hugly and they in answear give noe directions how to reconcile it, but advise you to close the bookes and signe them with an exception to the Accott of Cash; therefore we order you to give your Cash Accott in the Bookes credit for the said errour of Rups 7,729-05-9 by cash for errours in Edmund Bugden's Bookes, expressing the reason thereof in the Journall parcell, and let this Accotts stand upon ballance under the title of Debts upon Errours in Accott then your true Accott cash will stand as it ought to doe.

Rups 5,000 paid by Chimcham not entered.

The 5,000 Rups wch Chimcham charges as paid to Mr. Bugden the 21th December and 10th January 1677, being not entered in the Comps Bookes you are to charge to debt of Chimcham's Accott wch he disownes and credit of Chimcham's true Accott as in the Consultation of ye 3rd instant.

Rups 1,000 by Juragesaw.

How to be entered.

The like you are to observe for the 1,000 Rups which Juragesaw charges as paid to Mr. Bugden upon the 5th January $167\frac{7}{8}$, and both Chimcham's and Juragesaw's Accott disowned you must enter under the title of Debts upon Errours in Accott in the ballance of your Bookes.

Rups 5,408 4-0 paid by Cullean Ray not entered.

How to be entered.

There is another such like charge of Cullean Ray's in his Accott and tho he is at present absent at Catecke, yet it appears to be for Rups 5,408-04-0, wch the broker Hurry Churne enters in his bookes and says it was paid in Abassees upon the 15th day of December 1677, when Mr. Vincent was here in the Factory, and you, Mr. Edwards, have told us that you know something of the business, that it was Abassees wch came in Mr. Clavell's ship from Persia, and severall of the marchants have declared to us that they know of the payment of the mony. Therefore you may make Cullean Ray's Accott wch he disownes Dr. to his true Accott for the said sume of Rups 5,408-04-0 and let that Accott stand in the ballance under the title of Debts upon Errours in Accott.

Difference between the Bookes and the Marchants' Accotts by Mr. Clavell.

We having perused the severall Accotts wch the house-broker gives in as adjusted by Mr. Clavell a short time before his death, and the foote of the same Accott in the said bookes kept by Mr. Bugden and brought from the ballance of the former bookes closed the 30th Aprill 1677, we find the following differences, *vizt.* :—

	Rups	a.	p.	Rups	a.	p.
Rojaram Dr. in the Bookes	4,398	00	9			
By Mr. Clavell's Acctt as ye broker says	4,294	11	6			
The difference is	...			103	05	3
Bugwoitedas Dr. in the Bookes	3,012	13	9			
By his bill indorsed with Mr. Clavell's own hand June 28th, 1677, Rs. 2,969-13-9, but the broker says by Mr. Clavell's Acctt	2,959	09	0			
The difference is	...			53	04	9
Cullean Ray Dr. in the Bookes	8,181	05	3			
By Mr. Clavell's Acctt as ye broker says	5,458	07	0			
The difference is	...			2,722	14	3
Mahmud Chanu, Dr. in the Bookes	1,121	11	6			
By Mr. Clavell's Acctt as the broker says	1,058	12	0			
The difference is	...			62	15	6

But the Mahmud Chanu gives in another manner of Accott wherein he claimes a credit of Rups 487 -14-3, we suppose it must be upon some particular Accott with Mr. Clavell as the broker declares, therefore you may let his whole debt as well as the difference in ye ballance stand under the title

How to be rectifyed.

Acco^{tt} broadcloth.

of Debts upon errours in Acco^{tt} expressing the particulars, and the differences in y^{e} other three Acco^{tts} you must allsoe charge to the said person's Acco^{tts} for errours w^{ch} they disowne, that is you must make Rojaram for errours w^{ch} he disownes Dr. to Rojaram his true Acco^{tt} and soe for the other two, and then let them Acco^{tts} stand upon ballance under the title of Debts upon Errours in Acco^{tts}.

It does apeare by those bookes kept by Mr. Bugden that the Acco^{tt} of broadcloth ordinary and fine is forced to a ballance both in the quantity of yards and sume of mony, and now upon adjusting Acco^{tts} with y^{e} marchants and by the broker's bookes it apearing that there was 121 yards broadcloth amount to Rup^{s} 438-10-0 delivered to Juragesaw w^{ch} is not charged to his Acco^{tt} and that Chittamundsaw returned 40 yards broadcloth amo^{tt} to Rup^{s} 145, w^{ch} is not entered to his credit, you may charge both the said sumes in the Acco^{tt} of broadcloth and ballance the Acco^{tt} broadcloth, to adjust both the remaines in yards & mony with the warehouse booke by proffit and loss.

Errors in casting.

The errours in casting w^{ch} are discovered upon this adjusting Acco^{tt} you may clear by proffit and loss or by Acco^{tt} currant Hugly as most agreeable to y^{e} sumes soe to be charged.

To signe y^{e} bookes.

These directions being observed your Acco^{tts} will stand right, and you may then signe the bookes without any exception, all the Acco^{tts} being in such wise explained that 'twill evidently apeare for what you are responsable and for what you are not.

Directions to ballance the bookes.

In this month of September.

To get up with others in October.

Copys to be drawne.

You are now therefore to goe imediately upon drawing up the ballance of your bookes to the 30th Aprill 1679, and having finished that you must read and pass them in Councell, and then without any delay draw out a copy of your Acco^{tt} currant Hugly account stocked and ballance and send them by express to Hugly to be entered in the Gen^{ll} Bookes, and this we expect to receive there sometime in this month of September, after you have done this then begin your next bookes w^{ch} are to be under the Letter X, and bring them up to a day, and then keepe up with them, and read and pass them and your other Acco^{tts} monthly in the Councell according to directions, and this we expect to be done before the month of October be expired, having thus farr advanced your business, you will then have leasure and pleasure to copy your last bookes for England, for the Fort, and for Hugly, but if you cannot get three paire copied before the ships' departure, yet you must not faile of having two pair ready, one for England and one for the Fort, and then for Hugly, you may copy and send thither afterwards.

Regulations of 1676 delivered.

Extracts of letters from the Agent, &c.

From the Hono^{ble} Company.

Having now done with our directions for the true stateing your Acco^{tts} that you may not fall into y^{e} like errours hereafter, but keepe your Acco^{tts} and all other business in the method required, we herewith deliver you a copy of the regulations prescribed by y^{e} Agent, when he was in the Bay Anno 1676: allsoe extract of severall sections in our letters to the Chief & Councell at Hugly from the 8th August 1678 to the 12th July 1679 inclusive, and extract of severall sections of the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} letters to us, dated the 12th December 1677 and 3rd January 167$\frac{8}{9}$, in all w^{ch} you will find ample directions for the ordering and methodizing the Company's business, and the punishments to be imposed upon failure therein.

Why the Acco^{tts} were backward.

And although you have some plausable excuse for the backwardness of your Acco^{tts} by reason of Mr. Byam's late comeing from Hugly with the former

Default for not sending diary, &c., to Hugly.

Mr. Edwards sentenced therefore.

To be sent before Septembr be out.

bookes in Aprill last, the warehouse booke carryed away to Hugly by Mr. Peacocke not returned thence untill the 16th July last, and the many differences in the Accotts. wch you were at a loss how to compose without fuller orders from yor superiors, we say for these reasons we have passed by this fault of the backwardness of your Accotts. for this time. But your neglect of sending the copy of yor diary, consultations and accounts cash monthly to Hugly, wch we find you were often put in mind of from thence, is too great an offence to be passed over, and therefore we doe hereby (as the Honble Compa have enjoyned us) admonish you, Mr. Edwards, that are guilty of this neglect, to be carefull you doe not offend therein for the future, requiring you to send the copy of your diary and account cash to the last day of last month to Hugly to be there before this month be expired and monthly afterwards, and to get copys thereof transcribed to the end of November to send for England and the Fort, observing to keepe them in the forme directed of wch you have taken observation and notes from copy of our owne at the Fort here lent you for that purpose, your next offence of this nature is loss of a quarter's salary, and for the third dismission from the Honoble Compas service, as in the 18th section of their letter of ye 3rd January last, the copy of wch we leave with you that you may not pretend ignorance.

Particulars to be provided.

We order you to provide the following particulars to be laden upon the English ships for the use of the Fort and the Factorys at Metchlepatam and Madapollam:—

60 Mds bees-wax or as much thereof as you can gett.
4 Butts of arracke.
100 Skins of parchment for drum heads.

Touching expences of the Factory.

We find the expences of the Factory are greater than we expected, and you ought to be as frugall for the Honoble Compa as possible you can, we thinke a pallenkeen & two horses is sufficient accommodation for goeing abroad and doe order that the Company pay for keeping noe more, and noe hire for pallenkeenes, except when you make visits to the Governors and great men, your charge of servants is more than necessary, wch therefore we have directed to be reduced. Your expence of candles and oyle is too much by the halfe therefore you must reduce that, and after our departure hence to Hugly we order that you keep noe publike table, there being but four of the Compas servants in the Factory, you will have too many of others to increase the charge whilst the ships are here, therefore you must containe yourselves wthin the usuall allowance of your dyett mony at all such times now and hereafter, except you shall have license to doe otherwise.

What offers in the Honoble Compas affairs wherein you shall need directions after our departure, you must advise to Hugly from whence you shall receive answear, and if you be punctuall in sending your diary, consultations and Accotts. cash monthly, and when any thing extraordinary offers to advise thereof forthwith, it may excuse your writing thither every 10 days as you have been ordered whether there be occasion of business or not.

We have now only to wish you to be punctuall, diligent and faithfull in the discharge of your imployments, for therein you will reap advantage, content, and satisfaction, and on the contrary if you be found to faile in any of these things required of you, we must (as we are obliged) proceed with you in such manner as will be very prejudiciall to your reputation and to your wellfare in every respect, wch we advise you to prevent as we are

Your very loveing friends,
STREYNSHAM MASTER.
RICHARD MOHUN.

BALLASOR,
The 5th Septembr 1679.
393 F. D.

Fort St. George, Thursday, the 25th September 1679.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

MR. JOSEPH HYNMERS, *Deputy Governour.*

MR. JOHN BRIDGER.

,, TIMOTHY WILKES.

The whole Councell being duly summond.

A LETTER FROM HUGLY.—This day a generall letter from the Chief and Councell in Hugly of the 18th July, received yesterday, was read. By it we perceive that notwithstanding Sultan Awzum's Neashaun, granted last year, that the Honourable Company's saltpeter was stopt, that a Vackeel was sent to Court to obtaine the Emperor's Phirmaund. We doubt not but by the Right Worspll our Agent and Governor's presence in the Bay, all business will be put in such a posture as that the Honoble Company's business there will go on uninterupted.

JOSEPH HYNMERS.

JNO. BRIDGER.

TIMOTHY WILKES.

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To—The Worp^{LL} Joseph Hymners, Esq^{re}.
Deputy Govern^{r} of Fort S^{t}. George.
Madrasspatnam &^{ca} Councell.

former advices.

S^{RS},—From Metchlepatam the day before we sailed thence we advised you the needfull, it pleased God to arive us in this Road, the 17th Augst, and we landed here the 20th, Mellick Cossum, the Govern^{r}, shewing us a great deale of respect.

affairs settled in Ballasore.

The Sloopes arived here from Hugly the 28th last month, from w^{ch} to the 3^{d} Instant we have had fowle weather that nothing could be put aboard them, now 'tis fair and we are preparing to take our passage on them to Hugly, and hope to leave this place in two days more, having put the affairs of this Factory into good order, w^{ch} we found involved in soe great Confusions, that those here knew not how to sett them to rights, and soe had given over y^{e} care of it, but now they promise better, being well pleased they find themselves sett in the way they may walke in right.

a Packett from Hugly herewith.

The 3^{d} Instant by the *Apearance* from Hugly we rec^{ed} the inclosed Packett from the Chief and Councell, by w^{ch} we perceive the business is in an ill plight there allsoe, (but all fair with the government of the country), please to order that the two marginall notes w^{ch} the Agent hath made in the copy of the Hugly Gen^{ll} Letter of 19th July last, may be entered in the Copy Booke of Letters.

Bookes to be kept open.

We are not without hopes of having the Gen^{ll} Bookes at Hugly ballanced and all the Subordinate Factorys' Bookes brought into them before next Month be expired, and therefore we desire that your Gen^{ll} Bookes may be kept open for them untill the middle of December, and if by that time you receive the Ballance of the Hugly Bookes you will soon enter it, and shut up your bookes having all other acco^{tts} Ballanced allready.

To the Letters from Hugly we referr you for what further concerns the affairs in these parts and remaine

Your very affectionate friends,
STREYNSHAM MASTER.
RICHARD MOHUN.

Y^{e} *Arivalls* leaks stopt, ordered to proceed to Hugly.

6th.—Upon advice this day that the Sloope *Arivall's* Maine leake was found and stopt, and that she had taken in good part of her lading before the order came to bring her into the river, being capable to performe the voyage, the Councell being advised with therein she was ordered to proceed as directed from Hugly.

Mellick Cossum expects a Present.

Visited by y^{e} Agent.

Munday the 8th.—Mellick Cossum having given private notice that he expected a Present from the Agent and a visit before his departure for Hugly, after consideration thereupon had, it was thought fit to deny him the Present, yet with some glimpse of hopes to obtaine it after the Agent's returne from Hugly, and to promise him a visit, w^{ch} to hinder loss of time was given him this afternoone.

Y^{e} Agent &^{c} Imbarqued upon the *Lilly*.

9th.—Early in the Morning the Agent, &^{ca} Imberqued upon the Sloope *Lilly*, and with the help of Cap^{t} North and Cap^{t} Earning and the 3 : Ships Pinnaces w^{ch} towed the Sloope, we gott downe to the Banksall at the River's Mouth by 2 : or 3 : a Clock afternoone, the water being too low to goe over the Barr we stopt there.

a Ship came into the River by night.

About 8: a Clock at night by the help of a light moone and boates laid to Bouy the Bar and the sands, with lights in them, we saw a Ship of the Shabundars of about 300: tons come into the River, that yesterday came into the Road from the Maldivacs laden with Cowries and Caire; allsoe in our passage downe the River wee see two Ships newly come in from Jafnapatam upon Zeiloan wth ellephants wch they were taking out; two great Ships of the King of Syams that bring many ellephants from Tanassaree we see lying in the docks, the trade of ellephants being much driven at this place.

a Letter to ye Agent from Mellick Cossum.

to spare the Prince some Iron Ordnance.

the answear thereto.

Offers made about Saltpetre.

Romalls, Humhums & Mullmulls.

About 10: a clock at night came Chittamundsaw one of the Compas Chief Marchants downe to the Banksale in his Pallankeene wth a letter from Mellick Cossum to ye Agent in the Persian language, the Contents of which he said (for we had noe body present that could read it) was to desire us to spare the Prince a quantity of Iron ordnance of the Compas formerly scored out for that purpose, and to carry them up to Hugly in our Sloopes, to which answear was returned by Chittamundsaw by word of mouth, That we did not use to deale with the Princes or any of the Nabobs or Governrs but with the Marchants of ye Country, and if they would undertake the business between us then we were content to part wth the guns at the terms formerly proposed, but for carrying them to Hugly in our Sloopes, it was not possible to be accommodated either now or hereafter during the ships being here by reason of the great business of the Compas; This affair being soe concluded, Chittamundsaw then made some offers about Saltpetre double and treble refined, but most of ye latter to the quantity of about 2,000 mds. wch he was very importunate might be taken off of their hands, and allsoe a quantity of Romalls, Humhums and Mullmulls, for wch Chimchamsaw and he had before pressed very hard at Ballasore, and the same answear wch was then given them was now made to Chittamundsaw *vizt* that when the Agent was gone Mr. Edwards should write up to Hugly the lowest prizes they would take, and thence they should receive an answear what to trust unto as to the accepting or refusing of those goods.

Then Chittamundsaw desired to have an authentique Copy of the Agreement made between the Agent & Councell and the Ballasore Marchants the 3rd Instant, to keepe by him because the original lay in Chimcham's hands wch was granted him he paying the Secretary's fees.

Flag stafs & flags to be set up at the Factory and the Rivers mouth.

Upon consideration that there was little or noe marke for the Barr at Ballasore Rivers Mouth now the Tomb that was built by Dutch was fallen downe the last foule weather and the monys given some yeares since by Mr. March & Mr. Marshall to build Tombs over their bodys there buryed, that they might be markes for the Barr, were not like to be soe expended, and formerly there were flag stafs and flags at the Point of Sand and at the Factory for such markes, the Dutch having one now at their Factory, it was resolved and ordered that Mr. Richard Edwards should put up Flag stafs and Flags accordingly at the Factory and at the Point of Sand at the River's mouth for markes for the Ships to come to anchor, and for the Sloopes and Boates to goe over the Barr.

Ye Agent &c went aboard the *Arivall.*

10th.—In the afternoone by the helpe of the Commanders of the Ships and their Pinnaces, the Agent &ca gott off and went aboard the Sloope *Arivall*, disposing the young men and Lumber aboard the *Ganges* and *Lilly*. The Sloopes wanting water as usuall and for soe many Passengers, the Agent borrowed 4: Butts of Capt North, and he being unwilling to spare more and the others none, the *Ganges* could not saile without some, the Master sending word he had but 3 or 4 Gallons aboard.

Ye *Arivall* & *Lilly* sett sayle from Ballasore.

11th.—About 3 a Clock in the Morning the *Arivall* and ye *Lilly* & a small Ship of Mr. Hattons sett saile from Ballasore Road wth a faire wind wch served to carry us upon the first Flat of the Braces, and there we were taken of a sudden wth a violent storme of wind and raine at East right in our teeth, just at sun sett w^{ch} drove us back, and when we gott safe off of the Flat where we were in 2¾ fathom water, we came to anchor in 6½ fathom, and Rid it out, our topmasts and yards struck untill the 13th at 2 a Clock in the Morning, and then the weather clearing up and the wind coming about to the S^{o} E^{t}, we weighed and stood over the Flat into the Rivers Mouth, the Seas running over us now and then and anchored between Ingerlee and Kedgeree, the *Lilly* in our Company, in this flurry upon the Braces, we aprehended ourselves in some danger, by reason the *Arivall* was an old vessel, very leaky and one of her Pumps proved unserviceable, The *Lilly* we missed untill the next day y^{e} 12th about Noone, and then she came towards us from off the Flat where she had Rid it out in noe small danger, but she escaped with the loss of her Boat; Praised be God for these his mercys.

Mett wth a storme.

13th.

14th.—In the Morning we saw a Sloope a Sterne of us which afterwards proved to be the *Ganges*, w^{ch} sailed from Ballasore the 11th in the Morning, and rid out the Storme in sight of the Ships; In the afternoone we gott into the River, leading up to Hugly, at the entrance of w^{ch} River mett us two Boates called Oolankes with a Letter to the Agent from Mr. Vincent advising of his being at Barnagur the 30th Augst, at Tumbalee the 2^{d} Instant and Returne to Hugly the 8th leaving these Boats to give notice of our comeing, one of w^{ch} was Imediately Dispatched with an answear of that Import; This day we overtooke six of the 9 Dutch Flyboates that passed through Ballasore Road the 3^{d} Instant, One of w^{ch} Flyboates was run aground at Tumbalee just upon the west Point of the Entrance into Hugly River and there broken in peeces, good part of her lading saved, being Pepper.

gott into Hugly River.

two Boates with a letter from Mr. Vincent.

15th.—Working by mooneshine this Morning the first of the flood set us ashoare upon the Westward Banke of the River, but we hove off againe without any hurt *but* a Sledge Anchor carryed out by the Boate.

In the afternoone Mr. Vincent mett us with Mr. Read, Mr. Bugden, Mr. Evans the Chaplaine, and Mr. Douglas the Chyrrurgem, in Budgeroes and Oolankes, with them in the Evening we left the Sloope takeing the Comp^{as} Chest of Gold and some of the Silver in the Boates with us, & this night came to Barnagur where the Tent was pitched having sup'd at Tarma in the way.

Mr. Vincent &^{ca} mett us.

16th.—In the Morning we sett forward for Hugly, where we arived about 9: at night, the Dutch Directore, the Heer Verburgh with his second Sig^{r} Fensell, and two others of the Councell Chiefs of Maulda & Decca, mett us in their Budgeroe about two Miles below Hugly and as we passed by the Dutch Factory they fired three Rounds of 39: Guns ashoare, and aboard two of their Ships that lay at anchor in the River against their Factory, at our landing at the English old Factory the Guns were allsoe fired, at supper they were fired againe, and when the Dutch Directore went away about 12: at night they were fired a third time; At Barnagur and all the way up the River we saw severall Dutch Ships some comeing up, some sailing downe and some at anchor.

arived at Hugly.
y^{e} Dutch Directore &^{ca} mett the Agent.

17th.—The Diarys of Cassumbazar, Decca and Pattana were Perused by the Agent.

Thursday the 18th.—The Bookes of Acc^{tt} of Hugly and Ballasore and the Cash Bookes were called for, Perused and Examined by the Agent, Mr. Bugden was allsoe sent for and examined about the Differences in the said Acct^{ts} who produced the first foule draft of Ballasore Journall A: or T (done by Mr. Clavell's Directions and his hand writeing in severall places therein, and the hand writeing of severall others that Dyed that

Hugly & Ballasore Bookes Examined.

yeare at Ballasore) allsoe his Cash Bookes (noted in severall places wth Mr. Clavells owne hand) for his justification.

Cullean Ray to have credit in Ballasore Bookes for Rups 5,408 : 04 :

Thomas Pitts Debt to be writt off.

It apearing in Hugly Journall V That Mr. Vincent had paid into the Compas Cash the 30th Aprill 1678 the Rupees 5,408 : 04 and for which Cullean Ray wants Credit in Ballasore, it was thought good to send order to Ballasore by Express, that they should give Cullean Ray Credit by Hugly Accott Currant for the said sume in their Bookes to be closed the 30th Aprill last, and that they should write off Thomas Pitts Debt in those Bookes by Accott Currtt Hugly it being to be cleared here, and what other sumes they could properly enter in their Bookes to make the Accott of that Factory correspond wth Hugly Bookes, for wch purpose the Accott of Ballasore Factory as it stands in Hugly Bookes V & W should be sent to them.

Hugly, September, 19th 1679.

To—Mr. Richard Edwards Chief &ca Councell in Ballasore.

The Agent &ca arived.

It pleased God to arive us in safety at this place the 16th Instant, notwithstanding the Danger we were in by incountering with a Storme of Raine and Wind at East when we were near halfe way over the first flat of ye Braces, the *Ganges* and *Lilly* are allsoe safe arived. Praised be God for these Mercys.

Ye Rups 5,408 : 04 made good to the Compas Cash.

Thomas Pitts Accott to be writt off.

Upon Perusall of the Hugly Bookes V we find that the Rupees 5408 : 04 anns which Cullean Ray charges as paid to Matthias Vincent is made good to the Honoble Compas Cash here the 30th Aprill 1678 therefore we send these by *Express* to order you to give Cullean Ray Credit by your Accott Currtt Hugly for the said sume in your Bookes to be Ballanced the 30th Aprill last, and in regard Thomas Pitts Accott will be cleared in the Hugly Bookes, you are to write off his Accott by Hugly Accott Currtt except what Mr. Edwards is to pay for him wch you must allow to his credit there or order the payment of it by some Person here.

Extract of Ballasore Factorys Accotts sent.

Herewith we send you Extract of Ballasore Factorys Accott in Hugly Bookes V & W that you may thereby know how your Factorys Accott stands here, and we would have you enter in your Bookes Ballanced the 30th Aprill last such of the sumes therein charged as you can properly enter in your Bookes that the Accotts may be brought to a correspondency, yet we doe not upon this Accott allow of your keeping your Bookes open longer then the time prefixed in our Instructions, but doe expect to have them Ballanced before this month be expired.

Ye Flagstafs to be sett up.

The Flagstaffs wch we found it necessary to be sett up at the Factory at Ballasore, and allsoe at the Point of Sand at the River's Mouth to be a marke for the Ships to come to anchor, and for the boates to come and goe over the Barr, we would have you goe in hand with as we ordered you at our comeing away.

Your very loving friends,

STREYNSHAM MASTER.

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

RICHARD MOHUN.

Letters sent to Pattana, Cassumbazar & Decca.

20th.—Letters were written to Pattana, Cassumbazar & Decca w^{ch} are entered in the Hugly Copy Booke of Letters, the Contents of which are as followeth.

To Mr. Job Charnock &^{ca} at Pattana, That 'twas about 2 Months since the last advices came from them, therefore these sent by Express to know the certainty of affairs espetially as to the Saltpetre and the Phyrmaund the time spending away apace, that when we knew the worst it might be provided for, allsoe advised him the reasons of the Agents visiting these Factorys.

To Cassumbazar.

To Mr. Edward Littleton &^{ca} at Cassumbazar, That we approved of takeing all the threads of one Puttnee of Silke to prevent mixture of fine and course. That the Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} ordered a Bale or Chest of each sort of new Mustors of Stuffs procureable in any of the Factorys to be sent them yearely, gave Directions about paying monys to the Charges Gen^{ll} keeper and passing his Acco^{tts} monthly, permitted Mr. Littleton to take the air 10 : or 12 : days for his health as he desired and to come hither if he thought it might conduce thereunto, and blamed them that their Bookes of Acco^{tts} were not yet Ballanced w^{ch} they were pressed to hasten in regard the Gen^{ll} Bookes of Hughly and those at the Fort lay open for them.

To Decca.

To Mr. Samuell Hervy &^{ca} at Decca, That if he could not procure Boates there to send the Investment to Hugly, by reason of the Prince's departure who took them all up, there should be some sent from hence, allsoe some Raritys and mony to carry on the Investment, Blamed them for the backwardness of their Bookes of Acco^{tts} and wished them to finish them and send them, or the Ballance without delay to be entered in the Hugly Bookes.

Hugly, Munday, the 22th September 1679.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQ., *Agent.*

MR. MATHIAS VINCENT. MR. RICHARD MOHUN.

20 Ch. Silver and 1 of Gold to be sent to Cassumbazar.

In regard that neither Silver nor Gold will sell currantly at this place, It is therefore Resolved and Ordered that 20 Chests of Silver and one Chest of Gold Letter H be sent by Boates to Cassumbazar with all expedition, and in regard Ryalls of 8^{t} are sooner converted into Rupees than Ingotts are, It is therefore Ordered that all the Chests of Ryalls be sent at this time the sooner to pay off the mony taken up at Interest, and what is wanting to make up the 20 Chests to be sent of the Chests of Ingotts.

and noe more at this time.

It was not thought fit to adventure thither more Treasure at this time in regard of the unsettled condition of the Country, the Prince being upon his remove to Court, and when this parcell is disposed of (w^{ch} will take up some time) then to send the remainder.

Order about the Ballance of the Acc^{tt} Cash in the Ballasore Bookes T & V.

The Acco^{tts} of Cash in the Ballasore Bookes Letter T and V being divided under the proper titles of the Persons by whom the same was kept & thoroughly examined, y^{e} Ballance thereof doth apeare to arise as followeth (w^{ch} is ordered to be thus charged to the Acco^{tts} of the Respective Persons in the Hugly Bookes Letter W) *viz^{t}*—

Sundry Acco^{tts} D^r to Ballasore Factory for the remaines of cash in their hands, *viz^t*—

John Marshall D^r 5074 : 1 : 9 :	John Marshall Deceased for the Ballance of Cash kept by him . . .	Rup^s 5074 : 01 : 9
Edmund Bugden D^r 4737 : 04 : 0 :	Edmund Bugden for the Ballance of Cash kept by him	Rup^s 4737 : 04.—
		Rup^s 9811 : 05 : 9
Walter Clavell C^r 2082 : 0 : 0.	Ballasore Factory D^r to Walter Clavell for his Credit on the Ballance of the Acco^{tt} of Cash kept by him . .	Rup^s 2082 : 00 :—
	W^{ch} latter sume being deducted from y^e former makes up the want of Cash in Ballasore .	Rup^s 7729 : 05 : 9

Y^e Acco^{tt} cash ordered to be entered.

The severall Acco^{tts} of Cash as they are now drawne out and examin'd are ordered to be entered at the end of Ballasore Journall Letter V together with the Entrys now ordered in Hugly Journall Letter W, and copys thereof to be sent home to the Hono^{ble} Company.

Walter Clavell D^r Rup^s 5553 : 13 : 6.

Ordered that Walter Clavell Deceased be made D^r to Ballasore Factory Rup^s 5553 : 13 : 6 : for that Acco^{tt} wrott off of the Cash in Ballasore Bookes that was in his hands as in Hugly Journall Letter T, folio 10 and 48.

Edmund Bugden D^r Rup^s 500 :

Ordered that Edmund Bugden be made D^r to John Marshall Deceased Rup^s 500 : for soe much overcharged to John Marshall's Cash that was received by Edmund Bugden.

John Marshall's Cred^t for Rup^s 2113 :

Note that John Marshall hath Credit for Rup^s 2113 : in his perticular Acco^{tt} in Ballasore Bookes V for the Cash found in his Chest after his Decease.

Mr. Bugden acknowledged the sumes charged to his Acco^{tt}.

Mr. Edmund Bugden being called before the Councell, did acknowledge the foregoing sumes charged to his Acco^{tt} to be resting in his hands, and for w^{ch} he promised to make satisfaction excepting only against Rup^s 1091 : 12 : 3 w^{ch} he said he could make out he had paid to Mr. Clavell.

.. and to make good the same wth Interest.

The Agent then acquainted Mr. Bugden that there was 6000 Rup^s which the Ballasore Marchants charged as paid to him in December and January 1677 : and read to him the Consultation about the same in Ballasore, the 3^d Instant, to which he answeared that he knew nothing thereof, the Agent then acquainted him that he must see to make good all these monys due from him to the Hono^{ble} Company with Interest for the same, for soe long time as it hath been in his hands.

Rup^s 7729 : 5 : 9 how to be charged in Ballasore.

Resolved to write to Ballasore to order the Chief and Councell to charge the Rupees 7729 : 5 : 9 wanting in the Cash there to the Debt of Acco^{tt} Currant Hugly, the same being now cleared here.

A letter to Ballasore.

A Letter to Ballasore of this date was read & passed.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.

MATT^H VINCENT.

JOHN NICKS, *Sec^{ry}.* RICHARD MOHUN.

Hugly, Fryday the 26th September 1679.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQrs. *Agent.*
MR. MATHIAS VINCENT.
„ RICHARD MOHUN.

Mr. Budgen's request to goe to Ballasore.

not granted.

he confined to the Factory.

his Sloope ordered to be seized on.

Mr. Edmund Bugden haveing made it his request to have leave to goe downe to Ballasore upon his Sloope laden wth 500 Md. of Pepper, as he says, that he might there dispose thereof, and receive other adventures of his returne from Maldiva and expected from Atchin, and allsoe inquire into the business of the 6000 Rupees charged upon him by the Ballasore Marchants, whereby he may be the sooner enabled to make satisfaction into the Honoble Companys Cash for the whole demands upon him, wch being taken into consideration, It is resolved not to be convenient nor fitt to grant his request, he having not proposed any present satisfaction, and the sume being considerable, the Principle with Interest amounting to about 14000 Rups. It is ordered that he be confined to the Factory untill such time as he shall pay the mony, or give such security for payment thereof as shall be accepted. It is allsoe ordered that Mr. George Peacock doe goe and seize his Sloope laden with Pepper in the Compas name, lock the Hatches, bring away the keys and leave 4 English men on board to keepe possession and take care that nothing be Imbezled. Mr. Bugden was then sent for and the foregoing lines read to him.

Ye Agent requires ye names of the Persons that caused trouble in Cassumbazar.

The Agent requiring Mr. Vincent to declare ye names of the Persons that are advised of in the Hugly Genll letter to the Fort of the 18th July last [to be too bold in buying of Silke "in Cassumbazar wch if it had not been timely fore-"seene and remedy found by the Chief there (and it was a great chance that "he did find it out) noe small expence & trouble to had followed thereupon, whereas before men had Passes they dared not but acquaint the Chief in all places with what they had to doe concerning themselves to be more under check then now possibly they doe] to wch Mr. Vincent replyed that he acknowledged it was an Errour soe to write and desired pardon for it, for that Mr. Miell and Mr. Large who came from Metchlepm and were the Persons that soe dealt at Cassumbazar the last yeare, had noe Pass from the Agent and Councell, and he doth acknowledge that there was order given in the letter from the Fort of the 8th August 1678 to discountenance all those that should come from Metchlepa without a Pass. Whereas the Honoble Compa have divers times ordered that all Freemen must reside under their government at Fort St. George Madraspatnam, to prevent the inconvenience that may ensue by Persons trading to and fro in these parts without Passes, by which they may be known to be Inhabitants under the English government, It is ordered that none of the Subjects of his Majesty of Great Britain &ca wch are not in the Compas service, or have not a Pass as Inhabitants in some place under the Honoble Compas governmt in India shall have any countenance or protection, nor enjoy any of the English privileges, nor shall the Chiefs of the Respective Factorys upon any occasion grant them a Dustuck from or to any place whatsoever.

Order concerning Persons that have not Passes as Inhabitants under the Hunoble Compas Governmt.

A Register of all Dustucks to be kept.

And that it may be knowne that no Dustucks be granted, but to such as they ought to be granted, and that they be given to such, It is ordered that there shall be a Registor kept of all Dustucks that are given, as well those for the Compas goods or for the goods belonging to the Compas Servants (the Respective Chiefs and all others) as those for freemen that have Passes, all wch Dustucks are to be entered in the Register of Private Trade.

Strangers to give Bond and to have the same liberty as an Inhabitant.

And if any Person or Persons shall come from Forraigne Parts without a Pass not knowing of these orders, upon his or their giving Bond in 100th Sterling to become an Inhabitant under the Honoble Compas government at Bombay or at Madraspatnam within 12 Months after the date of the said Bond (wch is to be sent to Fort St. George) the Person soe entering into Bond may have and shall then have the same liberty and priviledge as if he had a Pass as an Inhabitant under the Honoble Compas government.

Ye Order for Regulation of perticular Investments at Cassambuzar.

to be obsevred in all the Factorys.

There being an order of Councell made the 28th day of Aprill last in Hughly for the Regulation of Perticular mens Investments at Cassumbuzar, the same is now confirmed, and it is further ordered for the perfecting of the same, that those orders shall be observed in all the Factorys in the Bay, and that the respective Chiefs, and all the Companys Servants and the Freemen shall register (in the Booke kept for the Register of Private Trade) all the monys they imprest for the provision of goods, the persons names to whome paid, and the particulars of the goods for wch Dustucks are given or desired to be given.

All goods Imported or Exported to be registered in the Register of private Trade.

And all such Persons as are in the Compas Service and allsoe such as have or shall have Passes for liberty to trade as Inhabitants at any place under the Compas government in India, that bring any goods by sea to land at any Port in the Bay of Bengall, or that shall have any goods to export by Sea, shall give an accott thereof to the Chief of the Compas Factory where the said goods are Imported or Exported, and the same shall be Registered in the Register of private trade.

None but the Chiefs to aply themselves to any Governor.

Offenders to be sent to the Fort.

The Chiefs to grant Dustucks for clearing goods.

None to owne any strangers goods.

And it is ordered, That if any Person or Persons other than the Respective Chiefs, or such as are apointed by them, shall aply themselves to any Governor or to any other Officer or Minister of the Towne or Country upon any occasion whatsoever, the Chief and Councell of the Compas Factory where such offence shall be committed or where such offender can be mett with, shall seize upon ye parties soe offending and send him for Fort St. George, there to be proceeded against according to the quality of the offence, and when any Persons in the Compas Service or having Passes as Inhabitants under the Compas government, shall aply themselves to the Chief of the Respective Factorys for Dustucks or for the clearing or passing any goods, or in any other business wch does require aplication to the Governor or other Officer or Minister of the Towne or Country, the said Chief is hereby ordered and required to grant Dustucks to cleare and pass the goods, and to use his endeavours *bona fide* for the effecting the said affair and for the preservation of the priviledges of ye English in these parts, soe as the same be at the expence of the party concerned and not at the Compas charge nor to the prejudice or detriment of their interest; and no person shall owne any Strangers goods not belonging to the English or to such as serve them, that they may pass free of Customes and other Dutys as English goods upon paine of paying double the customes and dutys, one-halfe thereof to the informer and the other halfe to the use of the poore at Fort St. George Madraspatnam for every such offence.

This Consultation to be sent to the subordinate Factorys.

Ordered that this Consultation (except the two first paragraphs) shall be sent to the subordinate Factorys authenticated and due observance required thereunto.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.

MATTs. VINCENT.

JOHN NICKS, *Secr*

RICHARD MOHUN.

Edmund Bugden paying 14000 Rup^{s} discharged of his confinement.

27th.—Mr. Edmund Bugden having paid 14000 Rupees into tne Comp^{as} Cash (w^{ch} Mr. Vincent hath entered in his Cash Booke) upon acco^{tt} of the Comp^{as} monys in his hands, he was discharged of his confinement, his Sloope Released to him, and desiring that if he paid any mony into the Comp^{as} cash at Ballasore it might be repaid him in Hughly, it was allowed, and that he should be assisted in his affairs at Ballasore.

Letters, Dyarys &^{c} rec^{d} from Ballasore.

Received letters from Ballasore wth the Diarys and Acco^{tt} Cash that were behind to the end of August last.

Thomas Cooper Deceased.

Thomas Cooper that came out of England, a soldyer, and came wth the Agent to play on musick dyed this day of a feaver. The Dutch dispatched four Ships laden most wth corne for Batavia.

Hugly, Munday, the 29th September 1679.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQ^{RE}., *Agent.*

MR. MATHIAS VINCENT.

MR. RICHARD MOHUN.

Timbers to be provided for y^{e} Fort.

Resolved to give orders to Ballasore for the provision of 5: or 600 Timbers of 16 and 18 Coveds long for the Buildings and Repairs which the Hono^{ble} Company have ordered at the Fort.

Cowulls loss by the fire Rup^{s} 6270.

Two thirds thereof to be allowed him.

Concerning the bad Debt of Cowull a Banian Marchant in Ballasore w^{ch} they advise of in the letter from thence of the 20th last month, that he hath never been allowed for goods of his burnt in the Factory anno 1674 valued at Rup^{s}. 6270, the halfe of which Mr. Clavell offered to allow him, but he then refused to accept it as in the Consultation of the 3rd of last Month at Ballasore. Now upon perusall of the Bookes of Acco^{tts} Letter R wherein the loss by that fire is brought to Acco^{tt}, It is resolved to write to the Chief &^{ca} at Ballasore to allow him two thirds of Rup^{s} 6270 for the loss by the fire provided that he give good and sufficient Security for y^{e} payment of the rest of his debt of Rup^{s} 7,182: 15: w^{ch} is now lookt upon as desperate, his loss by the fire being the loss of all his Estate and allsoe of his Credit.

Salarys ordered to be paid.

Ordered that the salarys of those of the Comp^{as} Servants w^{ch} came downe from the Fort be paid out of the Comp^{as} Cash here, this being the usuall day of payment and Acco^{tt} Current Fort S^{t} George charged with the sumes paid to those that belong to that place, y^{e} particulars to be sent in an Acco^{tt} by the Ships.

Y^{e} Soldyers to be paid.

Ordered that the Soldyers be paid this month pay at 9 fan^{s} to the Rupee to be charged to the Acco^{tt} of Fort S^{t} George.

Thos. Nevinson entertained.

Ordered that Thomas Nevinson be entertained as Master of the Sloope *Lilly* at 30 Rup^{s} ℘ mensem wages, and 6 Rupees per mensem Dyett

STREYNSHAM MASTER.

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

RICHARD MOHUN.

JOHN NICKS, *Sec^{ry}.*

Dacca Bookes.
Poll mony.

29th.—Received the Bookes of Accotts from Dacca Ballanced the 30th Aprill last, with advice that it was discoursed at Court there that the Poll mony or Judjeea lately enordered by the Mogull would be exacted of the English and Dutch.

Mellick Byram gave the Agent a visitt.

30th.—Mellick Byram brother to Mellick Cossum Foosdar of Hugly gave the Agent a visit at the Factory.

Aboundance of Raine hath fallen here every day for a fortnight, wch hath caused an unwholesome aire, many people sickning & dying.

October the ℘m Ye Agent visited the Dutch.

The Agent &c gave the Dutch a visit at their Factory.

A letter sent to Pattana.

A copy of the Letter of the 20th last month was sent to Pattana by another Express adviseing that an Express should be dispatched every weeke untill we received answear of the condition of Affairs there; Allsoe ordered ye provision of some Medicinall Drugs for the Chyrurgdom use at the Fort.

A letter sent to Ballasore.

A letter was despatched to Ballasore with the Consultation of the 26th last month, and the Accts Cash as should have been stated in Ballasore Bookes V and now rectifyed in Hugly Bookes W to be sewed to the one of Ballasore Journall V in Ballasore.

Allee Nucky visited the Agent.

Thursday the 2nd.—Allee Nucky the Governour of Hugly for ye Prince came to the Factory to visit the Agent.

Ye Councell mett.

The Agent and Councell mett, discourst of Affairs, perused and examined the Accotts of Mr. Clavell, Mr. Marshall &c with the Company, but concluded upon nothing to be entered.

Mr. Littleton arived.

4th.—Mr. Edward Littleton arrived from Cassumbazar & brought thence the Diary &c for the month of September.

A letter from Decca.

Received a letter from Decca of the 27th Septembr advising of great vyolence practiced by Hodgee Mahmud, the Prince's Duan for 15000 Rupees, he adventured to Persia thro Mr. Vincent's hands, wch he would have repaid him before 'twas returned from thence.

Exd.—B. M

Government of India, Central Printing Office—420 F. D.—23-7-92—500.

Hugly, Monday, the 6th October 1679.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQ., *Agent.*

MR. MATTHIAS VINCENT.

RICHARD MOHUN.

Yᵉ Ryalls of Eight and Gold disposed of at Cassumbazar.

More 18 Chests Silver and one of Gold to be sent thither.

Mr. Edward Littleton being arived from Cassumbazar and given an Accoᵗᵗ of the sale of all the Ryalls of Eight last sent thither, and that the Gold and Ingotts of Silver were allsoe upon disposure as in the Cassumbazar Diary for the month of September. It is resolved and ordered that the remaining 18 Chests of Silver Ingotts and one Chest of Gold, whereof some part will be disposed of here, shall be sent by boates to Cassumbazar with all expedition.

The Duan troublesome about 15,000 Rupees which he sent to Persia.

Mr. Vincent to order the payment of the mony.

Mr. Hervy &ᶜᵃ having advised in a letter from Decca of the 27th of last nth received yesterday that the Princes Duan Hodgee Mahmud is very outrageous toward them upon Accoᵗᵗ of 15,000 Rupees which he demands the present payment of, and a writing for the profit thereupon to Persia, which mony Mr. Vincent was forced to receive and to promise to send to Persia upon his Accoᵗᵗ when he was at Decca the last yeare to take out the Princes Neashan, wᶜʰ was long detarded upon that Accoᵗᵗ, It is Resolved to give orders to Mr. Hervy to make an end of the business and that Mr. Vincent doe give order for the payment of the mony, although it be not yet arived from Persia, there being noe other way to satisfy his unreasonable demands.

Mr. Vincent requests yᵉ 15,000 Rups. may be paid him here and repaid at the Fort.

it is granted.

Upon Mr. Vincent's request that the said 15,000 Rupees might be paid him here out of the Compᵃˢ cash he to repay it by exchange at the Fort, where the mony from Persia is lodged. In regard the said Affaire was undertaken for the Honoᵇˡᵉ Compᵃˢ service to expedite the taking out of the Neashan, It is therefore thought fit and reasonable to grant Mr. Vincent's request, the exchange to be made up at 8¾ annas of a Rupee to the Abassee.

1,500 Tolas of Gold to be delivered to Muterasaw.

Ordered that there be 1,500 tolas of Gold delivered to Muterasaw upon Accoᵗᵗ of his Contract, for which he is to allow the same rate as the Gold sells for at Cassumbazar but not under 13 Rupˢ the Tola.

to write to Pattana about clearing yᵉ Petre.

Resolved to write to the Chief &ᶜᵃ at Pattana that they doe not stand for a small matter of 1,000 or 2,000 Rupees for the clearing the Saltpetre now the time is soe farr slipt.

STREYNSHAN MASTER.

JOHN NICKS, *Secʳʸ.* MATTˢ. VINCENT

RICHARD MOHUN.

A Perwouna for 17 Iron Ordnance bought for the Prince.

8th.—A Peerwanna came from the Prince's Duan, requiring that the 17 Iron Ordnance bought of the Compᵃ for the Prince by Mellick Cossum at Ballasore should be sent to Decca in the Companys Sloopes.

Hugly, Thursday, the 9th October 1891.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQ., *Agent.*

MR. MATTHIAS VINCENT.

RICHARD MOHUN.

A Letter to Pattana.

A Letter to Pattana of this date was read and passed.

A Letter to Cassumbazar.

A Letter to Cassumbazar of this date was read and passed.

A Letter to Dacca.

A Letter to Decca of this date was read and passed.

Short in cash Rup^{s} 3,849 : 04 : 6.

Upon examination of the Acco^{tts} of Cash in the Cash Booke and in the Bookes of Acco^{tts} of Hugly, it apeares that there is Rupees 3,849 : 4 : 6 short in Cash as the Acco^{tt} stands charged in the Bookes of Acco^{tts}, about which Mr. Read being examined he gives for answear, that it is caused through Mr. Hall's omitting to enter severall parcells to the Cash Acco^{tt} whilst he kept the Bookes, that have not since been rectifyed by the Cash Bookes, wherefore It is Ordered that the Acco^{tt} of Cash be thoroughly examined and rightly stated, and that the Cash in the Chest and the Acco^{tts} thereof in the Cash Booke and in the Bookes of Acco^{tts} may agree, It is Ordered that an Acco^{tt} be stated of Cash upon Errors in Acco^{tt} D^{r} to Acco^{tt} of Cash Rup^{s} 3,849-4-6 for the Difference between the true Cash in the Chest by the Cash Booke and the Acco^{tt} thereof in the Bookes of Acco^{tts}, for that at Mr. Vincent's comeing from Cassumbazar to take charge of the Chiefship of Hugly there was noe cash in Chest but Mr. Read was in disbourse for the Company to the last of Septemb^{r} 1677 as apeares by y^{e} Cash Booke,

the Acco^{tt} Cash to be examined and stated.

how to be stated.

	Rup^{s}	145	04	3
And by the Bookes of Acco^{tts} the Acco^{tt} Cash was then Debtor	Rup^{s}	3,704	00	3
Soe there wanting in Cash	Rup^{s}	3,849	04	6

which is to be stated as above ordered in the Bookes W to be ballanced the 30th Aprill 1679.

Mr. Clavell in disbours for y^{e} Comp^{a} Rup^{s} 4,578 : 00 : 6.

And it apears by Mr. Clavell's Cash Booke ending the 31th March 1674 that he ought to have a Credit of Rup^{s} 4,576-0-6 for soe much he was in disbourse of his owne Cash for the Comp^{as} Acco^{tt} at Hugly.

Hugly Cash Booke of Mr. Clavell and Mr. Read to be sent home.

Ordered that the Hugly Cash Booke of Mr. Clavell from the ꝑ^{mo} October 1673 to the 31st March 1674 and allsoe the Hugly Cash Bookes of Mr. Read from the 1st Aprill 1674 to the 30th Septemb^{r} 1677 be copyed out into double copys and sent home to the Hono^{ble} Comp^{a}. The Cash Bookes of Mr. Vincent's time agreeing with the Bookes of Acco^{tts} it is not needful to send them.

Mr. Bugden's Acco^{tt} to be charged Rup^{s} 3,321 : 14 : 10 for Interest.

Ordered that Mr. Edmund Bugden's Acco^{tt} be charged Rup^{s} 3,321 : 14 : 10 for Interest of Rup^{s} 12,939 to the 27th Septemb^{r} last, as by the Acco^{tt} now made up, and y^{t} his Acco^{tt} be credited Rup^{s} 16 : 06 : 0 for Interest of Rup^{s} 1,267¾ paid in by him the 26th August last.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.

JOHN NICKS, *Sec^{ry}.*

MATT^{s} VINCENT.

RICHARD MOHUN.

James Price the Vackeele arrived from Decca.

9th.—This day James Price the Compas Vackeele at Decca arived at Hugly with an Aidy and a Chupdar from Hodgee Mahmud the Prince's Duan about the 15,000 Rups sent to Persia for him by Mr. Vincent, which by the Perwanna the Duan demanded present payment of with the Profit, and in case it was not presently paid, he wrott to the Governour of Hugly Allee Nucky to stop all our business.

John Somerling deceased.

10hh.—John Somerling the Agent's Trumpeter Dyed this day of a vyolent Feaver.

Letters to Pattana, Cassumbazar and Decca Dispatcht.

The Letters to Pattana, Cassumbazar and Decca wrott yesterday were dispatched this day to Cassumbazar was sent the Invoice of the Treasure last sent and the Consultation of the 28th Aprill and 26th September last concerning the Regulating of Freemen's Trade and those of the Companys servants and for the Registoring of Dusticks.

Order to Decca not to pay the Poll mony.

To Decca was alsoe sent the same Consultations, querys why the Compas Lead, Copper, Tinn, Tuttynague and Gold was not sold, severall advices about the irregularity of their Accotts, Ordered them not to pay the Judgeea or Poll mony if it should be demanded, and made an addition telling them that the business of the Duans 15,000 Rupees would now be ended here.

to write to Mr. Hall to send the Accotts of Cash that had been in his hands in the yeares 1672, 1673 & 1674.

Ye Booke of the Ballasore Marchants Accotts made up by Mr. Bugden and Mr. Clavell sent.

Cowull charged 1,000 Rups to be made good.

11th.—Finding severall entrys interwoven betwixt ye Cash of Hugly and Ballasore in Bookes Q. R. S. T. wherein 'twas suggested that Mr Hall was concerned, it was thought fitt to write to Mr. Hall at Ballasore to send to Hugly the Accott of what Cash had been in his hands for the Compas Accott in the yeares 1672, 1673 & 1674, a letter was alsoe written to the Chief &c at Ballasore ordering them to deliver the said letter to Mr. Hall, and to require his answer and the Accott Cash in two dayes and return it without delay, Alsoe sent them the Booke of the Ballasore Marchants Accotts made up by Mr. Bugden and Mr. Clavell Anno 1676 and the Accotts of Ditto 1677 advised them that Mahmud Chaun stood a Debtor to Mr. Clavell in his particular Accotts and that Cowull was made Debtor for 1,000 Rupees paid him by Mr. Bugden the 28th January $167\frac{5}{6}$ wch was charged to Comaull a Banians Accott in Hugly Bookes S. Jor. fol. 27 and therefore Cowull or Mr. Bugden is to make good this 1,000 Rups from that day, besides the 1,000 Rupees charged to his Accott in Ballasore Jour. T. fol. 37 about wch they were to examine him and the House Banian and returne their answear.

A letter from Ballasore wth ye Accott Cash and the Ballance of ye Bookes.

An answear dispatcht imediately.

Received a letter from Ballasore dated the 7th Instant with the Accott Cash for the month of September and the copy of the Ballance of the Bookes W but the perticulars of the Accott Curratt Hugly not being inserted, a letter was dispatched imediately requireing the same to be sent that it might be entered in the Hugly Gratt. Bookes. Alsoe other particulars were inserted in the letter to Ballasore according to the Resolves in Consultation this day.

Hugly, Munday, the 13th October 1679.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQ., *Agent.*

MR. MATTHIAS VINCENT.

„ RICHARD MOHUN.

Ye Charge against Mr. Bugden for goods wanting in Bales examin'd.

he gave in two Attestations for his defence signed by Richd Frenchfield & Samll Anthony.

Mr. Bugden being examin'd upon the Honoble Compas Charge from England for goods wanting in Bales that were packt at Ballasore, for his defence he gave in two Attestations signed by Richard Frenchfield for the years 1675

& 1676 and an Attestation signed by Samuell Anthony for the yeare 1676, both witnessing that they were present at the Embaleing of all the goods in those yeares, and that they did count such a number of peeces into the bales as the Ticketts specified, y^{e} truth whereof they offered to confirme by oath, and Samuell Anthony being present in the Factory was sent for and examined thereabout, who affirmed the same, that he was present at the Embaleing in 1679 and wrott the Ticketts which Mr. Bugden signed, and that he did see the peeces counted into the bales according to y^{e} Ticketts and saw the Bales made up before he went from them.

Resolved to order them at Ballasore that upon the Embaleing of their goods the Warehosee-keeper should signe the Ticketts to be put into the Bales and y^{e} Ticketts to be attested by two others that are to count the peeces, that the quantity is packt accordingly.

Y^{e} Warehouse-keeper to signe y^{e} Ticketts for the Bales and two others to attest.

Upon Mr. Bugden's desire to have leave to goe to Ballasore, it was granted and that the Chief &^{ca} there should assist him in his business about his Acco^{tts} with the marchants.

Mr. Budgen's desire to goe to Ballasore granted.

Resolved to order them at Ballasore to secure all the Comp^{as} Estate on board the English ships in the Road, and themselves from being surprised, if the report should prove true of Sultun Manzum's son and Sevagee's sons coming to Catecke.

to secure the Comp^{as} Estate aboard the ships if Sultan Manzums and Sevagee's sons come to Catecke.

Ordered that Ramnarraine be paid 2,000 Rup^{s} upon Acco^{tt} of a parcell of mullmulls brought into y^{e} house.

2,000 Rup^{s} to be paid Ramnarraine.

A letter to Ballasore of this date was read and passed.

A letter to Ballasore.

STREYNSHMAM MASTER.

JOHN NICKS, *Sec$^{ry.}$* MATT^{S} VINCENT.

RICHARD MOHUN.

15th.—The Acco^{tts} of Ballasore Factory were adjusted with the Hugly Bookes and made exactly to agree, and the reconciling parcells ordered to be entered which amount to vast sumes as apeares by the same in the Bookes.

Y^{e} Acco^{tts} of Ballasore adjusted with the Hugly Bookes.

Hugly, Thursday, the 16th October 1679.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQ., *Agent.*

MR. MATTHIAS VINCENT.

„ RICHARD MOMUN.

John Naylor desiring to come downe from Cassumbazar to Hugly liberty was granted him accordingly.

John Naylor leave to come to Hugly.

A letter to Pattana of this date was read and passed.

A leter to Pattana.

The Acco^{tt} of Cash being thoroughly examined from y^{e} yeare 1673 to 1677 in the Bookes of Acco^{tts} letter Q. R. S. T. V. and the Errors therein rectifyed, It is Ordered that the Cash upon Errors in Acco^{tt} be made C^{r} Rup^{s} 11,225-03-3, and that the said Acco^{tt} be made D^{r} Rup^{s} 7,375:14:9 w^{ch} with Rup^{s} 3,849:4:6 wanting in the Cash evens the Acco^{t} as by the particulars to be entered in y Bookes will apeare.

Y^{e} Acco^{tt} of Cash exam^{d} and rectifyed.

Mr. Clavell D^{r} to y^{e} Comp^{a} Rup^{s} 9,715:7:9.

demanded of his Overseers wth Interest.

w^{h} upon debate they agreed to deposite.

Y^{e} Interest being 2,914½ Rup^{s}.

The Acco^{tt} of Mr. Walter Clavell deceased being stated, it apears thereby that he is D^{r} to the Company in the sume of Rup^{s} 9,715:07:9 at the time of his decease, which was the 3^{d} August 1677, upon w^{ch} mony Interest was demanded of his Overseers Mr. Vincent & Mr. Littleton who were not forward to pay the same doubting it might cause them trouble with the Executors of y^{e} Deceased, but upon the debate they did agree to pay the principall and to deposite the interest w^{ch} for 2 yeares or 24 months at 1¼ ꝑ cent. ꝑ mensem as the Comp^{a} pay for mony taken up for them in these parts amo^{tts} to Rup^{s} 2,914½ w^{ch} is referd to the Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} and the Executors of the Deceased in England to agree upon.

Y^{e} same as to Mr. Marshall's Debt of Rup^{s} 2,654:2:9.

and Interest thereof Rup^{s} 796:3:3.

The same was agreed upon for the Debt of Mr. John Marshall Deceased, to the Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} the principall at the time of his Decease the 3^{d} Septemb^{r} 1677 being as by the Acco^{tt} stated Rup^{s} 2,654:2:9 the Interest thereupon for 2 yeares or 24 months at 1¼ ꝑ cent. ꝑ mensem as the Company pay for mony taken up for them in these parts amounts to Rup^{s} 796-03-3 w^{ch} sume is to be deposited in the Comp^{as} Cash, and referd to the Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} and the Executors of the Deceased in England to agree upon.

for Mr. Clavell Rup^{s} 12,629:15:9.

Ordered that Mr. Matthias Vincent and Mr. Edward Littleton doe pay and deposite in the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} Cash the sume of Rup^{s} 12,629:15:9 for the Acco^{tt} of Mr. Walter Clavell Deceased as aforesaid they being his Overseers.

for Mr. Marshall Rup^{s} 3,450:6 anas.

Ordered that Mr. Matthias Vincent doe pay and deposite into the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} Cash the sume of Rup^{s} 3,450:6 ans. for the Acco^{tt} of Mr. John Marshall Deceased as aforesaid he being his Overseer.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
MATT^{S} VINCENT.
RICHARD MOHUN.

JOHN NICKS, *Sec^{ry}.*

Advice from Ballasore that they had drawne a bill on the Agent and Councell for Rup^{s} 8,357:12:6.

19th.—Received a letter from Ballasore advising that they had drawne a bil on the Agent and Councell for Rup^{s} 8,357:12:6, and that they should want 10,000 Rup^{s} to compleate the Cloth Investment, besides y^{e} Sticklack, Saltpetre and Turmerick, alsoe they sent musters and prizes of saltpetre at 3¾ to 4¾ Rup^{s} ꝑ maund, and they advised that Cowull stood to have his usuall proportion in the Investment before he accepted of the offer made him for allowance of his loss by the fire, and they wrott of other perticulars as by the letter dated the 11th Instant.

Y^{e} Dutch Directore invites the Agent, &^{c}.

The Dutch Directore sent to invite the Agent, &^{c}, to an entertainment to express their joy for the peace wth France and by reason our Kings Majesty had mediated the same, they said therefore they invited the English to be wittnesses of their gratitude.

Hugly, Munday, the 20th October 1679.
AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:
STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQ^{RE}, *Agent.*
MR. MATTHIAS VINCENT.
„ RICHARD MOHUN.

Y^{e} bill of exchange for Rup^{s} 8,357:12:6 to be paid at sight.

Ordered that the bill of Exchange drawne by the Chief and Councell of Ballasore the 11th instant for Rup^{s} 8,357:12:6 at sight be paid accordingly, it being presented this day.

Christop^{r} Oxinden's Cred^{t} for Rup^{s} 1,135:7:3 to be paid to y^{e} Agent.

Christopher Oxinden Deceased having a Credit in the Comp^{as} Bookes of Hugly for Rup^{s} 1,135:07:3 It is ordered that the same be paid to the Agent as the Attorney of S^{r} Henry Oxinden according to the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} order in the 35th Section of their letter of the 3^{d} January $16\frac{8}{9}$.

Warehouses and accommodations ordered to be built.

A Warehouse for Salt-petre on y^{e} old Factory ground.

Upon a view of the Comp^{as} buildings in this place, it apearing that there is an absolute necessity for more Warehouse-roome for the Security of their goods and alsoe of more accommodation for their Servants, there being nothing done therein since the order in Councell at the Fort of the 20th February last, It is therefore ordered that both sides of the Quadrangle of this Factory be built to the gate, and divided into some lodging Chambers with large Warehouses for the fine goods, and that the yard where now y^{e} Kitchin stands be wholy aplyed to the use of the Warehouse for packing and laying goods in, and a Kitchin to be built in another place, Alsoe that there be a large Warehouse built for the Saltpetre upon the old Factory ground as far from the River as it can conveniently stand, and a house to keep the Sloopes stores in near the hole where they ride, between the old Factory and the new, and that Offices for the Accomptant and y^{e} Secretary, a Councell Chamber and a library Roome be built upon the new Buildings or apointed out of the old upper Roomes.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

RICHARD MOHUN.

JOHN NICKS, *Sec^{ry}.*

Y^{e} Agent &^{c} went to the Dutch house.

an Acco^{tt} of the severall passages there.

21th.—The Agent &^{ca} with the Weomen who were particularly invited, went to the Dutch house about four afternoone, they had pitched their Tents upon the Tarras on the side of the Factory next the River, we sate downe about sun sett to the Table at which sate 70 Persons, all their Weomen, Skippers and some Strangers in Towne being Invited, the first health they dranke was to the King of France whereto the Agent objected that they ought to drinke to the King of England first as Mediator as well as having precedency, but they said they had orders how to govern themselves is this occasion, Next they dranke to the King of England, then to the States, then to the Prince of Orange, to the two East India Comp^{as} of England and Holland, to the Gen^{ll}: of Batavia, to the Directore Gen^{ll}: or the Second of Batavia, to the Agent, and then to their ordinary and extraordinary Councell of India: To every health, Guns were fired by their Ships in the River that Road just against their Factory, after Supper they burnt their Fireworks w^{ch} were prepared upon the space between their house and the River side, about midnight we returned home, the Guns fireing at our comeing and goeing: to prevent any disrespects upon such publicke occasions it is a good expedient to condition behorehand what shall be done or to avoyd the meeting.

Y^{e} Prince Sultan Auzum left Decca.

Shasta Chaun made Governour of Bengale.

22th.—Received a Letter from Decca, dated the 13th Instant, adviseing that the Prince Sultan Auzum had left the Citty the 6th, and the 12th began his Journey toward Rajamaul, that 'twas feared there would have been a generall plunder about the time of the Prince's departure, but it proved not soe; That Shasta Chaun was made Suba or Governour of Bengale, his son Buzurgh Omeed Chaun being sent his Oftalle or Deputy to take possession of the government, and is on his way makeing great speed to Decca part of the Armado being sent to Pattana for his Reception.

Y^{e} Cassumbazar Bookes adjusted with Hugly Bookes.

The Cassumbazar Bookes were adjusted with the Hugly Bookes from the yeare 1670 the sumes in difference to reconcile these Acco^{tts} being very considerable, as will apeare by y^{e} parcells ordered to be entered in the Bookes (after the Cassumbazar Bookes Ware come they being daily expected) and it apearing upon this examination that there was Rup^{s} 11,909¼ more charged to Cassumbazar in the Hugly Bookes in Mr. Clavell's time then was acknowledged in the Cassumbazar Bookes being the 3 sumes following—

about 11,909¼ Rup^{s} overcharged.

Hugly Jor. P. fol. 8, Novemb^{r} 15th 1672 . . .	Rup^{s} 8,000	0	0
Hugly Jor. Q. fol. 29, May 1674	Rup^{s} 2,500	0	0
Ditto fol. 38, June 27th 1674 . . .	Rup^{s} 1,409	04	0

Mr. Vincent and Mr. Littleton were examined thereabout who answeared they well remembred that when Mr. Clavell was at Cassumbazar in 1676 the sume of 8,000 Rup^{s} was in dispute, and he endeavoured what he could by examining the Acco^{tts} and Letters of advice to make it apeare to be sent to Cassumbazar but could not, Mr. Vincent at that time avering it to be a double charge, Mr. Clavell was thereupon troubled; Now upon examining the Hugly Bookes and Cash Booke it seemes to arise from a double charge of the same sume of 8,000 Rup^{s} as in Hugly Jor. O. fol. 43 and Cassumbazar Jor. M. fol. 26 the same Errour seemes to be done in the sume of 2,500 Rup^{s} as in Hugly Jor. Q. fol. 29 and fol. 32 as apears by Cassumbazar Jor. O. fol. 10 and 12 and the 1,409¼ Rup^{s} though charged to the Credit of Ballasore Cash which is Mr. Clavell, is not made good in Cassumbazar, soe that these three sumes apeare to be due from Mr. Walter Clavell, Deceased.

w^{ch} apeare to be due from Mr. Clavell.

Alsoe in examining and adjusting these Acco^{tts} there apeared 8,000 Rup^{s} to be due to Mr. John March Deceased w^{ch} he paid upon a bill drawne by John Smith in Decca, July 20th 1670. Mr. Vincent being examined about this, said he remembered the thing, that the Comp^{a} haveing then noe Cash in Cassumbazar Mr. March paid the bill with his owne money, but hath never charged it to Acco^{tt}.

8,000 Rup^{s} apeare to be due to Mr. Jno. March.

Another strange Errour apeared in this examination being for 39 ch. 1 case Taffitys and 4 Bales severall Silkes amo^{tt} to Rup^{s} 36,136:05:9 charged in Cassumbazar Jor. Q. fol. 9 but not entered in Hugly Bookes, whereupon Mr. Vincent produced the Invoice of the said goods Dated in Cassumbazar Jan^{ry} 2^{d} 167⅚ and in Hugly Warehouse-booke the same goods apeare to be rec^{ed}: in Hugly and alsoe to be sent away to Ballasore upon the Ganges y^{e} 17th May 1676 and in Ballasore Warehouse-booke the same goods apeare to be there reced: but not to be sent away yet in the *Johannas* Invoice for England 1676.—there is 19 Chests Taffatys not rated and apear to be more then entered in the Bookes as received, soe 'tis hoped all the rest of the parcell went home that yeare none being left in the Warehouse, yet it does not apeare by the Invoices or the Bills Lading or the Accomptant Gratt^{s} advices.

an Errour of 39 ch. & 1 case Taffatys & 4 Bales Silkes.

Decemb^{r} 9th 1679: Mr. Bugden produced a Ballasore wast Booke wherein is set downe 20 ch. Taffatys shipt upon the *Eagle,* 19 ch. upon the *Johanna,* and 3 Bales Silke on the *Surratt March* anno 1676.

23th.—Mr. Littleton departed hence for Cassumbazar this day.

Mr. Littleton went for Cassumbazar.

Hugly, Thursday the 23th October 1679.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQ^{RS}, *Agent.*

MR. MATTHIAS VINCENT.

„ RICHARD MOHUN.

The great disappointment of advices from Pattana & the want of the Saltpetre thence of w^{ch} there is noe notice to this day being taken into consideration

Resolved upon noe advices nor Petre from Pattana.

and debated whither Petre should be bought up here by reason of y^{e} lateness of the yeare, It was resolved to awayte 2 or 3 dayes longer for advices from Pattana.

Mr. Clavell to be charged Rup^{s} 11920$\frac{1}{4}$.

Demanded of Mr. Vincent & Mr. Littleton his overseers.

their answear.

Upon adjusting the Cassumbazar and Hugly Acco^{tts} it apearing that there was Rup^{s} 11920$\frac{1}{4}$ due from Mr. Walter Clavell Deceased to the Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} as apeares by the said Acco^{tts} and the Diary note of the 22th, It is ordered that y^{e} said sume be charged to the Acco^{tt} of Walter Clavell Deaceased for Errours in Acco^{tt} and the said sume being demanded of Mr. Vincent and Mr. Littleton overseers of the Deceased they having considered of it together agreed to give for answear, That this Debt being upon Errors in Acco^{tt} not discovered before, they could not with safety pay it, but what estate of Mr. Clavells is remaining in the Country will be brought into the Company's Cash by them here to be remitted home, by which means the Comp^{a} would have the oportunity of satisfying themselves.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

JOHN NICKS, *Sec$^{ry.}$* RICHARD MOHUN.

Pattana Bookes adjusted with Hugly Bookes.

three pair Pattana Bookes wanting.

23th.—This day the Pattana Bookes were adjusted with the Hugly Bookes from 1670 to 1675, three pair of Pattana Bookes being wanting, they could not be carryed further and in this adjustment there were found great differences, the goods sent from Pattana in 1673 and 1674 not being entered in Hugly Bookes nor the monys remitted thither from CassumbazarBut 'tis hoped all the goods were rece^{d}: and sent home, the two Potts Muske amo^{tt} to Rup^{s} 1,516:10 in Pattana Bookes R. 1,674 doe not apeare in the Invoices for England, but in the Invoice of Pinke Advice to the Firt January 25th 1674 there is 2 Potts Muske not rated for want of Pattana Invoice.

A Letter to Pattana.

the severall advices therein contained.

3 pair of Bookes sent for.

Mr. Charnock to deliver up the remaines and come downe to Cassumbazar.

24th.—A Letter was written to Pattana with Copys of the 4 last still pressing to send advice how it stood with them; alsoe severall things were advised about Invoiceing the Goods, stateing Acco^{tts} right in their Bookes, and to keep a Register of Bad Debts cleared out of their Bookes, they were ordered Imediately to send away y^{e} 3 pair Bookes S. T. V. or N$^{o.}$ 18, 19, 20 for 16$\frac{75}{76}$, 16$\frac{76}{77}$, 16$\frac{77}{78}$ that are wanting in Hugly to adjust the Acco^{tts} with, they were alsoe ordered to enter the Acco^{tt} of what they received from or sent unto any Factory at the end of their Diary and Acco^{tt} Cash every Month; the Consultations of 28th Aprill and 26th Septemb^{r} last were sent them with the Copy of the 18th Section of the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} Letter to the Agent and Councell dated the 3^{d} January 16$\frac{78}{79}$ and the order for next yeares Investment out of the said letter; before this letter was dispatched the Pattana letters arived, whereupon the Councell was called and an adition made to the letter blameing them for hazarding soe great a concern of the Comp^{as} for soe small a matter as 1,000 or 1,500 Rup^{s} and for neglecting a due correspondence soe long, and Mr. Charnock was ordered to deliver the Comp^{as} Remaines, Bookes &^{c} to Mr. Peachy Sam^{ll} Meverell and James Sowdon, and to be at Cassumbazar by the 20th next month at farthest, if he accepted of the Chiefship of that Factory to which the Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} had apointed him.

Letters from Pattana.

The Letters received from Mr. Charnocke, &^{ca}, at Pattana are dated the 13th Instant advising the receipt of the Agent and Councell's letter of the 26th last month, and that the occasion of their long silenee was the stop of the Saltpetre Boates which they were in daily hopes to get cleared, but they were still there, for the clearing of which they had undergone great troubles with the Nabob, the Duan and ye Boatmen, at last they had given an obligatory writeing to procure a Paper from the Court at Dillee in 4 months to free them from paying of Customes, upon wch they hoped in a day or two to gett the Saltpetre Boates cleared which were in all 31: and there was laded upon them 29890 maunds of Petre. They had received noe advices from the Vackeel at Court about the Phirmaund since the 27th July; That there was one Ingott of Silver stolen out of the warehouse at Pattana; That Shasta Chaun had the government of Bengale granted to him againe, and the King was gone with his Army against the Radspoots at Asmeer, and that Mr. Charnock was ready to come away when the Petre Boates were dispatched and the Warehouse opened which hath long been sealed up by the Nabob with the Compas goods and Monys in it.

hopes to gett the Petre Boates cleared.

one Ingott of Silver stolen out of the warehouse.

Shasta Chaun made Governr of Bengale.

Mr. Charnock ready to come awawy.

With the Pattana Letter came a letter from Cassumbazar Dated 20th October 1679 advising the Receipt of the 18 Chests Silver and 1 Chest Gold sent hence the beginning of this month, that they had disposed of about 30,000 Rupees worth of Gold and were endeavouring the rest; that the Dutch had orders to provide 100 Bales Tanne Silke and were endeavouring to gett it from the English Picars, that they had sent 2,0000 Rups by exchange to Dacca, ye like sume to Pattana, and accepted a Bill of 6,000 Rups from Mr. Charnock &ca, and are paying off what taken up at Interest as fast as Mony comes in.

advice from Cassumbazar of the receipt of 18 Chests Silver and 1 Chest Gold.

Mony Remited to Pattana & Dacca.

Hugly, Friday the 24th October 1679.

AT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORDINRY, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQRE, *Agent.*

MR. MATTHIAS VINCENT.

„ RICHARD MOHUN.

Upon reading advices from Pattana received this day, It was resolved to send order to Mr. Charnock, &ca. at Pattana that if Mr. Charnock accepted of the Chiefship of Cassumbazar to wch the Honble Compa have apointed him that he should leave the Factory of Pattana or Singee in such time that he might be at Cassumbazar by the 20th of next Month or sooner, and that he deliver up all the Companys remaines, bookes, papers &ca to Jeremy Peachy, Samll Meverell and James Sowdon and take their receipt for the same, and they are to examine that the said Remaines agree with the Bookes of Accotts and keepe them safe untill some Person be ordered to take charge of the Chiefship of that Factory.

Mr. Charnock to come downe to Cassumbazar.

and to deliver the remaines, bookes &c to Jer. Peachy, Samll Meverell and James Sowdon.

A Letter to Pattana of this date was read and passed.

A Letter to Pattana.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
MATTS VINCENT.
RICHARD MOHUN.

JOHON NICKS, *Secry.*

25th—The Decca bookes were adjusted with the Hugly Bookes from the yeare 1672, but one pair of Decca Bookes No. 4 for 16$\frac{75}{76}$ being wanting the reconciling parcells cannot be entered untill those Bookes arive and are examined.

Dacca Bookes adjusted with the Hugly Bookes.

one pair of Bookes wanting.

Hugly, Munday the 27th October 1679.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQ^{RE}, *Agent.*

MR. MATTHIAS VINCENT.

MR. RICHARD MOHUN.

Y^{e} Sloope *Arivall* dispatcht to Ballasore.

The sloope *Arivall* being laden with Saltpetre, It is ordered that she be dispatched with the same to Ballasore Road and deliver it on board the *Golden Fleece.*

Y^{e} Chest of Gold at Ballasore to be brought up by the *Arivall.*

Mr. Bellamy dying intestate & severall demands upon him.

Capt. Earning ordered to deliver all he hath of his in his ship to George Herron and to take his receipt.

Resolved and ordered that the Chest of gold N^{o} L lying in the Factory at Ballasore be brought up thence in y^{e} *Arivall.* Mr. William Bellamy dying Intestate and being indebted to severall Persons who make demand of what he hath left, and there being severall goods laden by him at Madraspatnam upon the *George,* It is ordered that Cap^{t} Nehemiah Earning, Commander of the said ship, doe deliver all the said goods, Chests, escritores, clothes, Papers and what else he hath in his ship belonging to the said Bellamy unto George Herron, Master of the Sloope *Arivall,* to be brought up hither in the said Sloope, the said George Herron giving his receipt for the same, and when the Bills of Ladeing come to hand they shall be delivered up to Capt. Earning, and this order is to be sent to Capt. Earning signed by the Agent and Councell.

Provisions to be provided for y^{e} Fort.

Ordered that the following particulars be provided and laden upon the English Ships for provisions for the Fort *viz^{t}.*—

12 Bales Sugar.

60 Maunds Butter.

A Letter to Ballasore.

A Letter to Ballasore of this date was read and passed.

Boates ordered to be taken up to carry y^{e} Petre aboard y^{e} Ships.

Ordered that what Boras or great open Boates can be gott be taken up to carry the Petre aboard the Ships when please God it arive from Pattana now daily expected.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

RICHARD MOHUN.

JOHN NICKS, *Sec^{ry}.*

A Letter from Mellick Cussum to y^{e} Agent.

27th.—Mellick Cossum wrott a Letter to the Agent desiring some things of his might be sent to Ballasore upon our Sloopes w^{ch} was granted, they being 8 parcells, and an answear returned to his Letter in Persian.

A Letter to Dacca to send their bookes to adjust the acco^{tts}.

And Copy of Shajehauns Phyrmaund.

Directions.

29th.—A Letter was written to Dacca and notes upon their last Bookes of Acco^{tts} W. sent therewith, desireing answear thereunto, ordering them to send their Bookes N^{o} 4 w^{ch} are wanting to adjust the Dacca Acco^{tts} with the Hugly Bookes, alsoe to send a Copy of Shajehauns Phyrmaund in the 24th year of his raigne to be translated and sent for England, and some directions were alsoe given about Invoyceing the Factory charges upon the goods and severall sumes omitted in their last to be entered in their next bookes.

Letters from Ballasore wth their Diary & Accott Cash for September.

An answear from Mr. Hall to the letter wrott to him.

30th.—Received letters from Ballasore dated the 24th Instant with their Diary and Accott Cash for the month of Septr and the particulars of the Accott charged to Hugly Accott in their bookes W. Alsoe Mr. Joseph Hall returned answear to the letter wrott to him the 11th but not at all to the purpose, giveing noe accott of the cash that had been in his hands.

Letters from Pattana wth their Diary for July, Augst & September.

Letters from Pattana dated the 17th Instant alsoe arived this day with their Diary for July, Augst and September adviseing that the Petre boates were not yet cleared, the King's Duan being sick at Behar, but they were in hopes of his Dustick to cleare them suddenly.

Exd.—B. M.

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Hughly, Thursday, the 30th October 1679.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQ., *Agent.*

MR. MATTHIAS VINCENT.

MR. RICHARD MOHUN.

Saltpetre, Romalls, Cossacs, Mullmulls, and Humhums not to be bought at Ballasore.

Upon reading advice from Ballasore concerning Saltpetre, Romalls, Cossacs, Mullmulls and Humhums w^{ch} the Marchants there desire to put off to the Hono^{ble} Comp^{a}, It was resolved not to buy any of those goods at that place, better and cheaper being provided in the other Factorys.

Y^{e} Chief, &^{c} to demand the Acco^{tt} Cash of Mr. Hall.

Mr. Joseph Hall not having returned a satisfactory answer to the Acco^{tt} of Cash demanded of him, It is ordered that the Chief &^{ca} at Ballasore doe demand it of him againe and returne his answer.

A Letter to Ballasore.

A Letter to Ballasore of this date was read and passed.

The Governor of Hugly and under Officers presented.

but nothing to the Deputy Foosdar.

Allee Nucky the Governor of Hugly having giving intimation of his expectations of a present upon this occasion of the Agents comeing into these parts and apeared cross in our business because he was not gratifyed therein, It was thought fit to comply with him, in regard 'tis upon the pinch of time to dispatch our this yeares business, therefore 'tis resolved to present him to the value of about 300 Rup^{s} in Broad Cloth &^{c}, to the under Officers the usuall yearely gratuitys now to be given, and to the Deputy Foosdar Mellick Cossum's Brother it was thought fit not to present any thing now, because Mellick Cossum expects a present at the Agent's returne to Ballasore.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.

MATTHIAS VINCENT,

JOHN NICKS, *Sec^{ry}.* RICHARD MOHUN.

Orders and Directions sent to Ballasore.

30th.—In the Letter to Ballasore they were ordered to give Acco^{tt} of the progress of the Investment, that the Sloope *Lilly* should be sent to carry off the goods, that the charges of the Factory must be Invoiced on each sort of goods, Directions were given for the right stateing the Acco^{tt} Salary in the Bookes, an Acco^{tt} was sent of what they are to enter in their bookes of Acco^{tt} X; to even these Acco^{tts} wth Hugly Bookes; and the Copys of Ballasore Journall and ledger T were sent them.

A letter from Dacca wth their Diary and Acco^{tt} cash for Septemb^{r} &^{a} advices.

31st.—Received a Letter from Dacca, dated the 23th October wth their Diary and Acco^{tt} Cash for the month of Septemb^{r}, they advise of Shasta Chaun's comeing in great magnificense, that the Poll money has been divers times demanded of them, they were in want of money to pay for Cloth, having rece^{d} 20,000 Rup^{s} by exchange from Cossumbazar, and they answear to what objected to Y^{m} in the letter of the 9th Instant, shewing many reasons that Decca is noe proper place to vend Gold, Copper, Lead, Tin or Tuttynague, and promise punctually to observe the method of Acco^{tts} and Consultations hereafter.

Moorte Ram's demand upon Ramzibon, the House Broker.

Moorte Ram the old Dubass here in Agent Trevisa's time haveing a demand upon Ramzibon, the son of Ierom Maleek the former house Broker, for part of the Dustoor for w^{ch} he produced a writeing of Ierom Maleek that 9 annas of all the made up for 3,000 Rup^{s}.

Dustoore he should receive in the English service was to be for Moorte Ram, and 7 annas for himselfe, whereof Moorte Ram complained he never had any Acco^{tt} or benefit, and Ramzibon now refusing to come to any Acco^{tt} the Agent confined him under guard in the Factory some daies since, and he still persisting is his obstinacy afterwards caused him to be put in Irons, and this day the business being made up by other Banians between them for 3,000 Rup^{s} for w^{ch} Moorte Ram was contented to deliver up the writeing, Ramzibon was Released, his Father's writeing and a bill he had of Moorte Ram's for 100 Rup^{s} both torne before them and they made friends.

Mr. Vincent returns y^{e} visit to y^{e} Deputy Foosdar and Governour.

It being not thought creditable for the Agent to repay the visits of the Deputy Foosdar and the Governour they being meane Persons, Mr. Vincent was sent to returne their visits yesterday and this day.

their Present to the Prince saved.

The Chief for the Dutch at Decca Sig^{r} Carpentere set forward thither yesterday haveing been some time detained because the Prince was upon his departure, to whome the Dutch had promised 4 Ellephants and 4 Persia Horses at his comeing to the Government of Bengale, but had not yet given them, the Ellephants dying in the way and the Horses not come from Persia, and now they intend to save that charge if they can.

Will., Bonnelll killed by y^{e} Dutch.

William Bonnell a Soldyer of the Agents guard being in a house in the Towne towards the Dutch quarters was fallen upon by some of their sailors and stabed through the heart with a knife, whereof notice being brought to the Factory, Mr. Vincent with others was sent to prevent further mischief and bring off them that were run to assist; and he going to the Dutch Factory found the English man dead in the way, and others of his Comrades about the Dutch house, the Doores shut and all the Dutch Seamen fled to hide themselves, then he went into the Directore and acquainted him of the matter, who promised to make all search possible for the murtherer and to put him to death when found, the Fiscall being sent Imediately on board their Ships to call over their Rolls and to search about for the man that did it.

Mr. Reade wth others sent ꝑ^{mo} to discover the murtherers.

Mr. Reade with Samuell Sherman Master of the Sloope *Ganges* and Edward Tench (who were in Bonnells Company when 16 or 20 Dutch Seamen fell upon them and killed Bonnell but Sherman and Tench escaped sorely beaten) was sent to the Dutch Factory to endeavour to discover the murtherers, the Directore sent for their sloopes men but it could not apeare they were the Persons that did it, then he offered that Sherman should goe from ship to ship with the Fiscall and call them all over by the Rolls that came from Battavia.

Letters from Surratt and from England.

Received Letters from Surratt from the President and Councell wth the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} Packett that should have come upon the *Golden Fleece* and other Letters from the Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} dated the 17th March $167\frac{8}{9}$, the Letters from Surratt are dated the 26th and 27th August advising of the arivall of the *Bengale Marchant* and the *London* from England at Bombay the 11th August and the *Ann* behind, w^{ch} Ships left England the 25th March last; That one French Ship arived at Surratt the 17th August and more expected.

Hugly, Munday, the 3rd November 1679.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQ^{RE}, *Agent.*

MR. MATTHIAS VINCENT.

MR. RICHARD MOHUN.

Y^{e} Soldyers to be paid Rs. 222:11.

Ordered that the Soldyers of the Agents guard &^{ca} attendance be paid the last months pay here Rup^{s} 222:11:00.

Mr. Reade and Mr. Peacock to goe to y^{e} Dutch wth a Message about the murderers of the Englishman,

Resolved to send Mr. Edward Reade and Mr. George Peacock to the Dutch Factory with this Message to the Directore; That we expect that they find out the murderers of the Englishman, and doe justice upon them; and because they shall not pretend that we use not our endeavours or neglect it, Samuell Sherman and Edward Tench are sent to see the Rolls of the Ships companys called over if perchance they may know any of the partys, and Mr. Read is alsoe to agravate the matter to the Directore, as that the ffact was done without any provocation from the English, or their being ingaged in company or drinking with the Dutch men.

Mr. Hervy's desire to come downe.

and to bring the Gold and Copper with him.

but to sell the Lead Tin and Tuttynague.

Y^{e} Bookes to be brought up.

and to leave the remaines with Rich^{d} Trenchfield and John Pownsett.

Upon consideration of what written in a Letter from Mr. Hervy &^{ca} at Decca dated the 23th received the 31th last month wherein Mr. Hervy desires leave to come from thence for the aire and to take leave of his Relations goeing for England, It is thought fit to grant his desires, and in regard he gives little incouragement of putting off the Company's Gold and Copper, that he bring with him to Cossumbazar what Gold and Copper remaines there undisposed of, and sell the Lead, Tin and Tuttynague there at the price currant, and that at Mr. Hervy's comeing away, he see that the Bookes of Acco^{tts}, be brought up to the time of his leaving the place, and that the remaines agree with the Bookes of Acco^{tts} w^{ch} remaines are to be left in charge of Richard Trenchfield and John Pownsett, and that Directions be made in Consultation for managing of the business there in Mr. Hervy's absence.

The Petre not arived from Pattana considered.

The time for dispatch of the Ships drawing near and the Petre not yet arived from Pattana, upon consideration thereof, It was resolved to awayt a further answear from Pattana before order be taken for buying up what Petre is in Towne, the quantity that is allready bought at Pattana being about 1,000 Tons.

Y^{e} Paper of Informations considered,

Mr. Vincent and Mr. Reade acquainted therewith.

their reply,

the said paper naming no accusers.

the Agent and Councell could not prosecute.

The Paper of Informations against severall of the Chiefs &^{c} Factors in the Bay w^{ch} arived here the 1st Instant *viâ* Surratt in the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} Packett that should have come in the *Golden Fleece* being perused, and Mr. Vincent and Mr. Reade acquainted therewith who are the Persons present in this place that are concerned therein, They both denyed the accusations, and shewed the falsity and unreasonableness of severall of the Articles and then desired that they might be excused from giveing a more particular answear thereunto, then to deny the whole untill the accuser apeared to make good the charge against them, w^{ch} unless soe maintained by some Person could be judged noe other then a Calumny raised to bring them in disfavour with the Hono^{ble} Company, whereupon the Agent and Councell considering that the said Paper of Informations names noe accuser, nor any Person to be examined, and the Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} in the 75th section of the letter of the 3rd January 167$\frac{8}{9}$ wherein they order the examination thereof, give noe directions or advice of the partys from whome they had the Informations and noe Person haveing hitherto apeared to the Agent and Councell concerning the same, it could not be further proceeded upon or prosecuted.

A Letter to Decca.

A Letter to Decca was read and passed.

STREYNSHAM MASTER,

MATT^{s} VINCENT.

JOHN NICKS, *Sec^{ry}.*

RICHARD MOHUN.

A Letter to Ballasore concerning coloured Ginghams.

Ordered that a Letter be written to Ballasore with the Compas order in their of the 17th March last concerning coloured Ginghams.

Ye Dutch avoyd doing Justice.

Mr. Reade having delivered his message to the Dutch Directore reced. a promising answear of compplyance and returned leaveing Mr. Peacock to goe with Sherman to call over their Ships Companys, which being done they came back at night without finding any they could challenge, but the Dutch pretended there was five men run away whose names they sent in a paper signed by the Secretary and would have it that it must be those that did the murther.

Ye Agent &c sett forward for Cassumbazar.

The business at this place being soe settled as not to require the Agents longer presence and all things being prepared for his proceeding to Cossumbazar, he sett forward thither this night with his Company that came with him from the Fort, leaving Mr. Vincent &ca the Councell at Hugly to attend the business there.

4th.—In the Evening we mett the Cossumbazar Budgera near Amboa wch we passed by, and laid too to eat at Hur Nuddy a small Towne.

Robert Barwick a Soldyer drowned.

5th.—In the Morning a little above Nuddya one of the Soldyers Robert Barwick lipt out of a Boat with his head foremost into the River and was drowned, his body could not be found tho much search was made for it.

6th.—In the Morning we laid to to eat at Bygyhaut.

Ye English and Dutch mett the Agent.

Arived at Cossumbazar.

7th.—At 3 in the afternoone we reached Moula, there about 7 at night Mr. Littleton &ca the Factory came to meet the Agent, and an hour after came Signr Berkman Chief for the Dutch at Cossumbazar with Sinr Carpenter their Chief for Dacca and two others, from hence we went to Cossumbazar by land and came into the Factory about an hour after midnight.

A Letter from Ballasore wth advices.

By a Letter from the Chief &ca at Ballasore, dated the 30th October received this day, they advice that Mr. Bugden did now acknowledge the receipt of the 6,000 Rups which ye Marchants affirmed to be paid to him Anno 1677, and that Cowull owned the Receipt of but 1,000 Rups which is charged to his Accott, soe the other 1,000 Rups is an overcharge, that they were gott up with their Journall entrys to this time, and were goeing in hand to sort the Investment, but Mr. Edwards was very ill.

Ye Compas order about Taffatys delivered to Mr. Littleton.

Munday the 10th.—The Companys Letter of 17th March 167$\frac{8}{9}$ to the Chief and Councell of the Bay about the sortment of Taffatys was delivered to Mr. Littleton and given him in charge to observe.

Ye Dutch Chief gave the Agent a visit.

The Chief &ca of the Dutch Factory came to give ye Agent a visit and to Invite him to the Christening of his child.

Mr. Vincent ordered the business of 15,000 Rups wth the Princes Duan.

11th.—Received a Gratt: Letter from Hugly dated the 6th advising that Mr. Vincent had made an end with the Princes Duans Aidee for the 15,000 Rups sent to Persia, wch was by agreement to be paid into the Princes Treasury at Muxoodavad, and Mr. Vincent desired it might be paid out of the Companys Cash to Succanundsaw offering a bill exchange to repay it into the Companys Cash at the Fort as by Consultation of the 6th October.

A Letter to the Honoble Compa *viâ* Surratt.

A Letter was written to the Honoble Compa and dispeeded to Surratt by Pattamars that came thence, giving an Accott of the Agent and Councells proceedings since they left the Fort to this time.

A Letter to ye Presidt and Councell.

Alsoe a Letter was written to the President and Councell at Surratt in answear to theirs by the same Pattamars.

A Giant.

A Native of Bengale named Deoldas aged about 40 yeares came to the Factory, he lives about 8 miles from Cossumbazar of a Gigantícke stature and make being 7 foote and one Inch in height, all his bones and limbs well proportioned, his voyce big & walkes straight.

Y^{e} Dutch Chief of Dacca tooke his leave of the Agent.

13th.—Sin^{r} Carpenter the Dutch Chief for Dacca came to take his leave and departed hence to Dacca.

A Letter to Metchlepatam.

Having notice that there was a small vessel going from Hugly to Metchlep^{a} a letter was written to the Chief and Councell at Metchlep^{a} of the contents following :—

To Mr. Christopher Hatton, Chief &^{ca} Councell at Metchlepatam.

Copy of the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} Letter sent.

to follow the directions about Allajacs and Romalls.

We have rece^{d} a Letter from the Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} *viâ* Surratt dated the 17th March last, the copy whereof we send you hereinclosed for your observation, and the Patterne of Allajacs rece^{d} therewith we send herewith and doe order you to follow the directions thereabout, and alsoe about y^{e} Romalls as near as possible you can wth is all at present from

Cossumbazar, Novemb^{r} 13th 1679.

Your loving friends,

STREYNSHAM MASTER.

RICHARD MOHUN.

A Letter to y^{e} Deputy Govern^{r} & Councell at the Fort.

Alsoe a Letter was written to the Deputy Governour and Councell at the Fort of the contents following :—

To the Worsp^{ll} Joseph Hynmers, Esq^{re}, Deputy Govern^{r} &^{ca} Councell at Fort S George Madraspatnam.

Copy of the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} Letter sent.

We have rece^{d} a Letter from the Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} *viâ* Surratt dated the 17^{t} March last the Copy whereof we send you hereinclosed, and we have alsoe sent the copy to Metchlep^{m} wth the Patterne of Allajacs directing their observation of the orders thereabout, and alsoe of the Romalls as near as possible they can.

Mr. Vincent's bill on the Deputy Govern^{r} accepted.

Mr. Vincent having a sume of Persia money lying at y^{e} Fort, and being necessitated to pay 15,000 Rup^{s} to y^{e} Princes Duan w^{ch} to accommodate the taking out of the Princes Nishan last yeare w^{ch} he sent to Persia for him, we have thought good to gratify Mr. Vincent to order the payment of the said 15,000 Rup^{s} out of the Company^{s} Cash here, and to take his bill on the Deputy Governour to pay the same at the Fort at 8¾ annas of a Rupee to the Abassee, and he hath promised to order the said payment by a bill Exc : to be sent by this conveighance, therefore we desire you to receive the said sume and to make sale of the mony and bring it into the Hono^{ble} Companys Cash.

Y^{e} Acco^{tt} in the Bay adjusted.

We have adjusted all the Factory^{s} Acco^{tts} in the Bay wth the Hugly Bookes except one pair Dacca and 3 pair Pattana Bookes w^{ch} were not in Hugly but are sent for from those Factory^{s}, therefore we desire you to Keepe your Bookes open untill the returne of the first Ship from the Bay, by w^{ch} time we hope the Ballance of the Hugly Gen^{ll} : Bookes will be finished.

noe Petre come from Pattana.

There is noe Petre yet come from Pattana nor any news of its comeing wch makes us much troubled what to doe to prevent the damage by such disapointment, there being near 1,000 Tons bought and laden upon Boates, we shall doe our best to prevent the worst, wch being the needfull at present we remaine

Your affectionate friends,

Cossumbazar, *Novembr 13th 1769.* STREYNSHAM MASTER.

RICHARD MOHUN.

To the Worspll Matthias Vincent, & Councell at Hugly.

Ye paymt of 15,000 Rups out of Compas Cash here allowed.

to draw bill on ye Deputy Governour to repay it there in Abassees.

Copys of the Auditors Papers of Informations & Exceptions sent.

Yours of the 6th we reced: the 11th Instant, and doe allow of the payment of the 15,000 Rups out of the Compas Cash here to Mr. Vincents order according to Consultation of the 6th October in Hugly, and therefore desire that he will draw a bill of Exchange upon the Deputy Governour at the Fort to be sent upon the vessel wch you advise is going to the Coast, for the said sume to be repaid into the Compas Cash there in Abassees at 8¾ annas of a Rupee to the Abassee, of wch we now write to them at the Fort. We send you herewith the Copys of the Auditors Papers of Informations and Exceptions to the Accott which came in *the Packett that was left behind* ꝑ the *Golden-Fleece*, and having not else we rest

Your affectionate friends,

Cossumbazar, *Novembr 13th 1679.* STREYNSHAM MASTER.

RICHARD MOHUN.

Ye said Letters sent by Mr. Mohun to Hugly.

The said Letters and Duplicates of the Letters to the Honoble Compa and to President and Councell at Surratt were sent by Mr. Richard Mohun to Hugly who desired to make a stop thither promiseing to returne the next weeke.

Letters from Pattana with 3 pair of Bookes.

they are in hopes the Warehouse will be opened.

they want 20,000 Rups.

obtained orders for clearing ye Petre Boates.

Ye King refuses to take 22,000 Rups for a Phyrmaund.

14th.—Received letters from Mr. Charnock &ca at Pattana dated ye 5th Instant with the 3 pair of Bookes of Accotts that were wanting at Hugly, they advise that there is yearly many desperate Debts made in the Petre Investment, that the Warehouse they hoped will be suddenly opened & liberty granted to sell the Silver &ca but in the meane time are in great want of about 20,000 Rups wch they desire may be sent by Exc., having with 32,500 Rups allready received paid off what was borrowed at Interest and 5,000 Rups for the Interest thereof. That they had now obtained promise & orders for the clearing the Petre Boates with a present of 700 Rups to the Nabob and 200 Rups to ye Merrbar, soe they hoped to dispeed them in 2 or 3 dayes. The 30th October they reced. letters from the Vackeel at Dilly advising that the King has refused to accept of 22,000 Rups. for a Phyrmaund Custome free in all his Dominions saying he could not grant

Ye Vackeel advises he is still in hopes to procure it.

it for 22 Lack, but the Duan Assud Chaun has proffered for 20,000 Rups to procure it over all the Kingdome Surratt excepted without giving any thing to ye King, soe the Vackeel was still in great hopes to obtaine it, the copy of the Vackeels letters in Persian being perused, he advises that he does not question at the least to procure a Phyrmaund for the English to be custome free in all the Mogulls Dominions except at Surratt, Notwithstanding the King being informed how our Customes were paid at Surratt demanded the ½ ⅌ cent. againe both of the English and the Dutch that was taken off for service done at Seeva Jee's first plundering that Towne,* and turned out all the writers for leting it pass free soe long.

Mr Charnock accepts of the Chiefship of Cassumbazar.

Mr. Charnock says he hath accepted and doth accept of the Chiefship of Cassumbazar but cannot possibly come downe thither by the 20th of this month, as he was ordered, by reason of clearing the Petre the Warehouse and delivering up of the Remaines.

This Letter was sent forward to Hugly by the same Peons this night.

A Letter to the Vackeele at Rajamaul for clearing the Petre Boates.

15th.—A letter in Persian was dispatched to the Vackeele at Rajamaul with an authentick Copy of the King's Duan's Phyrwanna for the clearing the Petre Boates immediately upon their arivall there, and to send speedy notice thereof.

Ye Pattana Bookes adjusted with the Hugly Bookes and returned.

if Mr. Charnock does not apeare before ye settlement to be debated how to settle him.

1,000 Rups for 100 Mds. Lead not allowed in the Pattana Bookes.

The 3 pair of Pattana Bookes were this day adjusted with the Hugly Bookes and returned againe by Expresses with a bill Exco for 20,000 Rups payable into the Compas Cash there; and Mr. Charnock was advised that if he did not apeare here before the Agent and Councell entered upon settling all Persons in employments it would of necessity fall under debate whether he could be settled as the Honoble Compa had apointed, his excuse of staying to deliver the Remaines not holding good because he hath had some Months since notice of his Removall. That there was 1,000 Rups for 100 Mds. Lead charged to Pattana Factory in Hugly Bookes 2 which was not allowed in the Pattana Bookes.

Letters from Hugly and Ballasore.

Ye Accott Cash of Ballasore for the month of October, ye Ballance being Rs. 8,236:15:7 demanded of Mr. Edwards.

his answear.

This day reced: Letters from Hugly dated the 12th with two letters from Ballasore dated the 4th and 6th Instant. The letter of the 4th from Ballasore is signed by Richard Edwards, John Byam and Matthew Sheppard inclosing the Accott Cash for the Month of October past signed by Richard Edwards, the Ballance of wch is Rups 8,236:15:7 and yet they say they have been compel'd to "change Ryalls of ⅝ to give out for Packing "Stuff and to defray Charges by reason Richard Edwards disownes to have any Cash in his hands, and they having demanded of him where it is, or how disposed of, he returned this answer, that by reason of his indisposition which renders him uncapable of examining his Papers and Accotts, he could not at present give any Accott thereof. And to this Letter there is a Postcript wch is signed by Richard Edwards only, That being at present very much indisposed, intreats the suspention of censure till upon the first returne of his health, when he shall not faile to give a more satisfactory Accott.

Mr. Richard Edwards Deceased.

Ye Captts arived at Hugly.

a Chest Gold.

The Letter of the 6th from Ballasore is signed by John Byam and Matthew Sheppard, advising that Mr. Richard Edwards Dyed that day about 11 a Clock, and that they had sealed up his Chamber dore and all other places wherein he hath any concernes. The Letter from Hugly advised that Capt. North, Capt Cowley, Capt Earning and Mr. Bugden were arived from Ballasore, and the Sloope *Arivall* returned safe into the River with the Chest of Gold No L.

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* *Note*.—The defence of the factory at Surat by the brave and energetic Sir George Oxenden was as gallant an affair as Clive's defence of Arcot. An account of the defence by Sir George Oxenden will be found at page 25, vol. I, Selections from the Bombay State Records (Home Series).

Letters from Dacca wth ye Bookes of Accotts No 4

Sunday the 16th.—Received Letters from Dacca dated the 7th with their Bookes of Acco tt No 4 wch they desired might be returned.

Ye Dacca Bookes adjusted and sent to Hugly.

17th.—The Dacca Bookes being adjusted with the Hugly Bookes were this morning early dispatched to Hugly with the following Letter of advice:—

To the WORPLL MATTHIAS VINCENT, Chief &ca Councell in Hugly.

SRS.,

Letters reced: with Ballasore Acco tt Cash.

If the Chest Gold from Ballasore was not opened, no need of an Invoice.

of the want of above 8,000 Rups in ye Cash at Ballasoe.

Mr. Byam and Mr. Sheppard have done well to cleare themselves.

to gett witnesses and open Mr. Edwards Roomes.

Yours of the 12th I reced: the 15th Instant wth the two Genll; Letters from Ballasore of the 4th and 6th and the Accott Cash there for the last month all which I doe now returne you. If the Chest Gold returned from Ballasore hath never been opened, or none of it used there, then there will not need an Invoyce of it from thence, being the same as it came from England and as you Invoyced it to them will serve to enter it againe into your Bookes. I am sorry for the Death of Mr. Richard Edwards and by the letter thence of the 4th signed by himselfe fear the Honoble Compas Cash will fall short, for 'tis not likely as indisposed as he was that above 8,000 Rups could be wanting, and he or they that signed with him not know what become of it, espetially considering that when I was there myselfe with Mr. Mohun examined the Accott Cash and the Cash in the Chest, and found the mony in the Chest to be something more than there should be by the Ballance of the Accott, and since that there has been two months Accotts of Cash duly sent thence, soe that this I suppose can be noe new Errour as is imployed in the Letter of the 4th, but Mr. Byam and Mr. Sheppard have done very prudently to clear themselves by writeing that letter whilst Mr. Edwards lived, 'tis my opinion that you write to them to make enquiry how the mony for the bill paid at Hugly charged to the Debt of the last Accott Cash was received and paid, and order them to be diligent and carefull in the sorting, packing & lading of the Investment, and taking convenient time when some of the Commanders or other credible Persons are there to be witnesses of what they find in Mr. Edwards his Roomes which they have sealed up, let them open them and take an Accott thereof, and earnestly comend the management and dispatch of the business of that factory to them.

Ye Letters from Pattana forwarded.

Ye Accotts adjusted & ye Bookes returned with 20,000 Rups by Exchange.

The Letters which came from Pattana the 14th I forwarded to you the same day, the Accott being adjusted, I returned the 3 pair of Pattana Bookes thither the 15th when a bill Excc for 20,000 Rups was sent hence thither, and here inclosed I send you the Reconciling Entrys to be made in the Hugly Bookes.

Dacca Bookes adjusted.

2,000 Rups sent to Dacca not entered in the Bookes.

Yesterday I reced: the inclosed letter from Dacca with ye Bookes No 4 which having adjusted, I send you herewith the said Bookes (to be returned to Dacca) and ye Accott to be entered in Hugly Booke to Rectifye ye Accott. I find in the Cossumbazar Bookes here, 2,000 Rups sent to Dacca the 11th Aprill last which is not entered in the last Dacca Bookes, therefore you may advise them of it, and 20,000 Rups will be alsoe sent thither in few days.

Cossumbazar Bookes not Ballanced.

The Cossumbazar Bookes are not yet Ballanced, when they are, the Reconciling Entrys shall be imediately sent to you that you may then Ballance your Bookes.

noe news of the Petre.

As yet I hear noe further of the Petre but have sent to Rajamaul to get it cleared there as soone as it arives wch is all at present from

Cossumbazar, Novembr 17th 1679.

Your affectionate friend,

STREYNSHAM MASTER.

Letters from Hugly and Ballasore.

in want of 14,000 Rups.

Received letters from Hugly dated the 15th inclosing one from Ballasore dated the 8th advising that Chimcham & Chittamundsaw refused to be security for Cowull for any part in the Investment, that they had sorted and embaled about 5,000 ps. Ginghams, and were in hopes to accomplish all in due time, but were in want of 14,000 Rup^{s} to compleat the Cloth Investment beside Stick Lack having but 633 Rup^{s} in Cash, therefore desired to be supplyed.

Mr. Hall gave answear that he never kept any Acco^{tt} Cash but had it monthly from Mr. Clavell in loose papers to enter into the Bookes, and what Cash remained at his goeing to Hugly was left in the Banians hands of which he cannot Render any Acco^{tt}; Alsoe he sent an Acco^{tt} of 25,000 Rup^{s} sent from Hugly to Ballasore and paid by him to the Marchants there May the 8th 1672, which Acco^{tt} he tooke out of the Bookes Letter O, and sayes he has not the Copys of the Bookes Letter Q by him, and therefore can give noe further Acco^{tt}.

To the Worp^{ll} Matthias Vincent, Chief &^{ca} Councell in Hugly.

Letters received.

to supply their want of Cash at Ballasore.

Yours of the 15th with the letter from Ballasore of the 8th I received yesterday, and all that needs my opinion thereupon is their want of Cash w^{ch} tis necessary you doe supply them with as soone as possible you can rather then to take it up at Interest there, and if you have noe mony in Cash, then you may draw bills upon the Factory here.

Noe newes of the Saltpetre.

Noe further newes of the Saltpetre as yet which is all that offers from

Your affectionate friend,

Cossumbazar, Novemb^{r} 19th 1679. STREYNSHAM MASTER.

Chest of Gold arived.

19th.—The Chest of Gold N^{o} L arrived from Hugly.

Y^{e} Cossumbazar Bookes adjusted with Hugly Bookes.

20th.—The Cossumbazar Bookes Letter W ending the 30th Aprill 1679 were balanced this day, and being adjusted with the Hugly Bookes, the Reconciling parcells were sent to Hugly with the following letter:—

To the Worp^{ll} Matthias Vincent, Chief &^{ca} Councell in Hugly.

Y^{e} Cossumbazar Bookes rectified & sent.

The Cossumbazar Bookes being this day Ballanced and Rectified soe that they may now agree with your generall Bookes, I send you herewith the Reconciling parcells, soe now there is nothing remaines that I know of to hinder the Ballancing of your Bookes, but you may shut them up as soone as possible you can.

5 bales and 1 case Maulda Cloth not entered in your Bookes.

There was 5 bales and 1 case of Maulda Cloth sent from hence to Hugly in Decemb^{r} last w^{ch} Mr. Littleton sayes does now lye in Hugly but are not entered in your Bookes the Invoice of which being Rupees 3,176 : 12 : 9, I have caused to be copyed out of the Invoice Book and send it hereinclosed.

To send the particulars to be entered in the next Cassumbazar Bookes.

It is necessary that you send hither the particulars of those sumes that are to be entered in the next Cossumbazar Bookes to reconcile them to the Hugly Bookes as soone as you can, that they may be entered in the Bookes here out of hand whilst things are fresh in memory.

Advice of the Petre Boates being upon their way from Pattana.

The Marchants here have advice that our Petre Boates are upon their way from Pattana, and that Mr. Charnock would set out from thence as upon this day. I pray God send them safe and timely downe, and Rest

Cassumbazar, Novembr 20th 1679. Your affectionate friend,

STREYNSHAM MASTER.

Capt Earning,—

Capt Earning desires a discharge for Mr. Bellamys concernes.

the Compas Orders thereabout.

Yours of the 15th Instant from Hugly came to my hands this day, and as to a discharge for the delivery of Mr. Bellamy's concernes I know not what further you can have then the delivery up of your Bills lading signed unto by myselfe and Councell. It being the Companys Orders that we receive and make sale of what their Servants leave, and pay their Debts in the Country, and if you think not this sufficient I know not what further to say or doe in this affair.

I am,

Cossumbazar, Novembr 20th 1679. Your affectionate friend,

STREYNSHAM MASTER.

Mr. Littleton &a to visit the Foosdar of Muxadavad.

This day Mr. Littleton with others was sent to visit the new Foosdar of Muxadavad.

Silke overlookt.

Order about packing the Compas Silke.

21st—Overlooks the white Silke bought by Jessooda Mundun at Serpore, and some Tannee Silke bought there alsoe, and understanding from the Marchants that they did use to make Ropes of the lowest sort of the windings to pack to their bales with, which they sold for Proffit at Ahmadavad, ye Agent ordered that the Compas Silke should be packt with such Ropes, there being some of that sort of coursest Silke of ye Companys lying in the Warehouse which was fit for nothing else, and it might sell in England for good proffit paying neither Freight nor Custome.

Letters from Pattana wth their Diary and Accott Cash for Octr.

At night received Letters from Mr. Charnock &ca at Pattana dated the 11th with the Diary and Accott Cash for the month of October, and copy of another letter from the Vackeel at Dilly, advising that the Visier Asad Chaun had made another *argh* or Petition to the King in our behalves for a Phyrmaund to be Custome free and hoped to obtaine it for the promised 20,000 Rups. That the Nabob at Pattana for a Piscash of 700 Rups had ordered the opening of the Warehouse and a Dustick for the Petre Boates, soe they hoped in 2 or 3 days they would sett forward and promised to make all hast.

Ye said Letters forwarded to Hugly.

Fine Cloth sent to ye Governr of Rajamaul.

22th.—In the Morning said Letters were forwarded to Hugly, two men were sent to Merrdandpore to take Accott of the River whither there was water enough for the Petre Boates, & another man was sent to Rajamaul with a Letter to our Vackeele and some Fine Cloth &c to present to the Governour &c there to expedite the dispatch of the Boates.

Floretta Yarne overlookt.

observation of a sort of Cloth called Arundee.

its qualitys.

Some pcs. to be sent home for tryall.

Overlooked the Floretta Yarne or Muckta, and ye Agent ordered the sorting and prizing thereof not to the Marchants satisfaction nor to the Companys detriment, and observing the Baggs in which the Marchants brought their Silke to be a different sort of Cloth from any he had seene, he was informed that 'twas called Arundee made neither of Cotton nor Silke, but of a kind of Horba spun by a worme that feeds upon the leaves of a Stalke or tree called Arundee which beares a Round prickle Berry of which Oyle is made, vast quantitys of this Cloth is made in the Country about Goora gaut beyond Serpore Mercha where the wormes are kept as Silke wormes, here 'twill never come white but will take any Colour, 'twill not rott nor receive damage by wett, it burnes like hair not in a flame nor keepes fire long, & wares to admiration, insomuch that when the Cloth is first made 'tis given up and downe to poore people to weare and to lay in Shops to be footed upon before 'tis fit to be sold, thereupon the Agent gave order that some pcs. of it should be dyed into severall Colours to send home for Tryall, the usuall dimentions they make them being about 8 coveds long 1½ broad sold at ½ Rupee the peece.

Mr. Mohun returned.

Maulda Cloth looked over.

Munday the 24th.—Mr. Mohun returned from Hugly this morning, looked over the the Cloth provided at Maulda by Jechund and compareing it with the prizes of the musters sent for England Anno 1676 and Returend thence it arose very dear, whereupon Jechund was examined about it and he justified himself pleading the goodness of the goods, but he was reproved, and noe price being contracted for at delivery out of the money there apeares no remedy but to take such Accott as he gives of the prizes or cost of the goods.

Letters from Hugly with letters from Metchepatam or Madapollam.

of a Tempest that happened in those parts.

25th.—Received Letters from Hugly dated the 20th (but Mr. Vincent being taken sick dispatcht the 22th) accompanying letters from Metchlepatam and Madapollam dated the 15th & 18th October last, adviseing of a terrible Tempest that hapned in those parts the 13th said month which had done very much damage to the Country, a great part of the Towne of Metchlepa both houses and people being carryed away and destroyed by the Sea which had washed away the Island before it, the Barr, Towne and the Bridges, the Sea flowing 12 foot deep in the Dutch Factory, and destroyed all their goods and their house to the damage of 80,000 Pags, the Sea was alsoe knee deep in the English Factory, the Companys goods damaged, and the tiles blown off from all the houses, severall Ships and Boates blown away; Alsoe they give a good Accott of the condition and forwardness of the Investments.

Raw Silke looked over.

Raw Silke was looked over, and it comeing out much worse then the musters, was prized accordingly, and good part of it refused.

Ye Marchts & Sharofs treated with about ye Silver & Gold.

Chittermull contracted for the same.

Assays made.

how sold the two last yeares.

Some of the Companys Marchants and Sharofs of this place that have dealt much in buying their Silver and Gold having been severall days treated with about making a firme and lasting Contract for all the Silver and Gold that should be sold in this Factory, at the last Chittermull was brought to agree to give 210 Rups Sicca or 212 Rups Peet for 100 Ryalls, Eight weighing 240 Rups, and the same price for Silver in Ingotts of the same Assay with Ryalls, but differing upon the Assay of Ryalls, Eight wch are said to be 6½ Ruttees and he says but 5½ Ruttees wast in a Rupee weight the bargaine was defered, and this Evening Assays were made of Ryalls Eight Mexico & Civill and of Standard Silver which came out at 5¾ Ruttees, 6 Ruttees and 6¼ Ruttees in the Rupee, a Rupee is accounted to be fine Silver and weight 10¼ Mass, the last yeare Ryalls Eight were sold here at 210 and 209¾ Rups Peet, and this yeare they were sold at 209 & 208½ Rups Peet ꝑ 240 Rups weight, and the Silver in Ingotts were sold the last yeare at 209½ Rup^{s} Peet for 240 Rup^{s} weight, and 2 dwt. finer than standard allowed to make it equall with y^{e} Assay of Ryalls Eight, 1 dwt. being to a pound as 2¾ Chaul to a Rupee. The Gold sold last year at 15 Rup^{s} ꝑ Tola fine, y^{e} wast upon Standard 1⅞ Mass in a Tola, and Pistolls at 13¼ Rup^{s} ꝑ Tola, this yeare Pistolls sold at 13 Rup^{s} ꝑ Tola, Moors the last yeare worth 13 Rup^{s} and this yeare 12$\frac{14}{16}$ Rup^{s} ꝑ peece, the Moore is accounted to be fine gold and weight 9¾ Mass, Chittermull was now brought to give 1 3⅛ Rup^{s} ꝑ Tola (Peet that is) Currant money for Pistolls, and for Gold of Pistoll Assay the same price, to return Moores at 13 Rup^{s} a peece or to pay money, and if the price of Moors shall rise, the price of Gold to rise accordingly, Note

Weights. 8 Chaul is a Ruttee, 8 Ruttees is a Mass, and 12 Mass is a Tola, the Charges of the Mint about 6 ꝑ cent.

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Cassumbazar, Wednesday, ye 26th November 1679.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQRE, *Agent.*

MR. RICHARD MOHUN.

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON.

Why Mr. Littleton called into Councell.

Although Mr Littleton is not of the Ordinary Councell to the Agent, yet being of the degree of Senior Marchant, which are of the Extraordinary Councell, it is thought fit to call him into the Councell at this time to take his advice in the affairs of this Factory, whereof he hath had the charge as Chief for above two years.

Resolved to make a lasting Contract for the Treasure.

Upon consideration of the many Impediments which ye Honoble Compas affairs meet withall, by reason of the long lying of their Silver and Gold before 'tis converted into Currant Mony of the Country, It is thought good to make a firme and lasting Contract with some Responsable Person to take off the whole quantity yearly, soe that as soone as it arives there may be nothing to doe more then to deliver it and to receive the Mony as it comes from the Mint, and Chittermullsaw a Marchant of this place who hath dealt for much of the Honoble Companys Silver and Gold offering to undertake the whole business was treated with accordingly, and a Contract made with him, which being drawne up into writeing is agreed unto and ordered to be ingrossed vizt.

Ye Agreemt and Contract wth Chittermullsaw for the Honoble Compas Silver and Gold.

Dollars at 210 and 212 Rups ℘ cent.

Gold at 13⅛ Rups ℘ Tola.

We the Agent and Councell for affairs of the Honoble English East India Company upon the Coast of Chormondell and in the Bay of Bengale, have Bargained and Agreed with Chittermullsaw of Cassumbazar and the said Chittermullsaw hath bargained and agreed with the said Agent and Councell for all the Silver and Gold which now is or hereafter shall come into this Factory of Cassumbazar to be sold for Accott of the said Company at the rates and Prizes following. For Ryalls of Eight Mexico, Civill and Pillar at two hundred and ten Rups 210 Sicca or Rups 212 Peet for one hundred Ryalls 100 weighing 240 Rupees; for Silver in Ingotts of the same Assay wth Ryalls (which is agreed to be 6 Ruttees wast upon a Rupee weight) at the same rate, and those Ingotts that are finer or courser to be allowed for accordingly. The Mony to be paid in Sicca Rups from the Mint in a Month after delivery of the Silver, and what is not paid in Sicca Rups to be paid in Peet Rups at 212 for 210 Sicca; and whatsoever the Batta shall rise hereafter (more than one ℘ cent now agreed upon) the Company are to have the whole benefit thereof. For Gold Pistolls at 13 Rups and two annas ℘ Tola, and Gold in Ingotts of the same Assay with Pistolls (which is to be adjusted at the Mint) at the same Rate. Payment to be made in Gold Moors at 13 Rups ℘ peece, and what is paid short therein to be paid in Peet Rups and whatsoever the Gold Moors shall advance above 13 Rups a peece the price of the Gold is to rise accordingly.

The said Silver and Gold to be weighed and delivered in Cassumbazar, and the Risque of the same to Rajamaul, and of the Mony from thence to Cassumbazar to be upon the Companys Accott at Chittermulls charge and at his Risque whilst in Rajamaul, the Companys Peons to goe and come with it, and two Peons to abide at Rajamaul to help watch there. In witness whereof the Agent and Councell have sett their hands and the Honoble Companys Seale to one part, and the said Chittermullsaw hath sett his hand and Seale to one other part, Dated in the Companys Factory at Cassumbazar, the 26th day of November 1679.

3 yards scarlett given to Chittermull.

For Chittermulls encouragement 3 yards of Scarlett was given him with Beetle upon concluding this Contract.

Ye Contract signed and sealed by Chittermullsaw and one written in his owne language is delivered to Mr Littleton.

JOHN NICKS, *Secry.*

STREYNSHAM MASTER.

RICHARD MOHUN.

EDWD LITTLETON.

Raw Silke looked over.

27th.—Raw Silke was looked over and prized arising better then before but bad enough.

Raw Silke prized.

28th.—Raw Silke was prized arising as before the Innebund being always course.

Silver and Gold weighed to Chittermull.

Silver and Gold was weighed off to Chittermaul upon the Contract, and one bay gold No. 55 Chest M was overweight oz. 1 : 10 dwt. one Ingott Silver No. 120 Chest No. 50 was overweight ℔ 4 : 08 : 00.

To the Worpll Matthias Vincent, Chief, &c., Councell in Hugly.

Letters received.

no newes of ye Petre Boates.

soe know not what to resolve on.

Yours of the 20th dispeeded the 22th we received the 25th instant, and had sooner returned answear but that we every hour expected to hear of the Petre Boates coming to Rajamaul wch to this day we doe not, soe that we are at a loss what to say or doe in this exigence, for we have not yet heard from Mr. Charnock that they are dispatcht and gone from Pattana, tho in every letter he hath written he hath given hopes of sending them away in a day or two, and he writes soe seldome that now time is slipt away and we know not what to resolve upon, for should you goe about to buy up ye Petre in Hugly the Marchants would stand off upon termes wch tho you should yield unto to the uttermost of their demands would take up more time then can possibly be spared for the Ships to save their passage home, and we may reasonably hope that the Pattana Petre must be downe in as short time as you can buy up at Hugly. The last letters from Mr. Charnock were dated the 11th instant, wch came hither the 21th and were sent forward to you the next day, if we doe not hear from him in a day or two more we shall write you againe, and in the meanetime you may be contriving how to compass the buying up all the Petre in Hugly upon a day at once, if we should conclude soe to doe and give us your opinion herein with all speed.

if we hear not from Mr. Charnock in a day or two.

to contrive the buying all ye Petre in Hugly.

About takeing an Accott of Mr. Edwards concernes.

As to the takeing an Accott of Mr. Edwards his concernes at Ballasore, it will be a great meanes to justify those there if they can gaine spare time to doe it before some of the Commanders and others belonging to the ships that goe home, and if they cannot take an Accott in writeing of every particular yet before some sufficient witnesses to open all his Chambers, Clossets, Chests, Boxes and Scretores, that they may see what there is, and then lock and seale them up againe with severall seales, and take a view of his Papers if from thence they can collect where he hath anything to satisfy the many demands that we now heare are made upon his Estate.

A contract made for the Compas Gold and Silver.

We have lately made a firme Contract wth Chittermull for all the Companys Gold and Silver that now is or hereafter shall come to be sold in this Factory at 210 Sicca or 212 Peet Rups ꝑ 100 Ryalls Eight and Silver of that Assay and 13½ Rups ꝑ Tola for Pistolls and Gold of that Assay, and as Gold Moors rise the price of Gold to rise and what y^{e} Batta shall rise above 1 ℘ cent to be the Companys: But as yet there is noe mony come in upon it, the first Gold and Silver being delivered this day, soe the mony cannot be remited to Dacca soe soone as Mr. Littleton advised before, the 20,000 Rup^{s} to Pattana and 15,000 Rup^{s} to the Duan for Mr. Vincent having cleared the Cash.

The two Inclosed Gen^{ll}: Letters w^{ch} came by the Pattamars from Metchlepatam we desire may be entered into your Register of Letters received, and when your bookes be Ballanced get a copy drawne out of the Acco^{tt} Currant Fort S^{t} George and the Acco^{tt} Stocke to returne by the said Pattamars.

Y^{e} two Gratts from Metchlep^{a} to be registered. the Acco^{tt} Curr^{tt} Fort S^{t} George and Acco^{tt} Stocke to be drawne out.

In regard we suppose Mr. Reade cannot attend the drawing up the Invoices of the Ships, you would therefore doe well to give Mr. John Thomas some insight of the Acco^{tts} and Papers relating to that business that he may be able to performe it, w^{ch} we believe he can doe being bred up under Mr Hynmers, and if timely care be not taken 'twill not be done when the Ships are weighing their anchors.

Mr. Thomas to draw up the Invoices of the Ships.

This being the needful at present we rest,

Your affectionate friends,

CASSUMBAZAR,
Novemb^{r} 28th 1679.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.

RICHARD MOHUN.

29th.—Fine Taffatys were prized and the prizes sett downe in the Weavers bookes at 4 to 5 Rup^{s} ℘ peece of 20 coveds they arose well.

Fine Taffatys prized.

30th.—Received a Letter from Hugly Dated the 27th Instant adviseing that a Bill was drawne on them from Ballassore for 7,000 Rup^{s}, and they should remit them 3,000 Rup^{s} more w^{ch} was all they were in Cash, and they should want 20,000 Rupees in Hugly to pay for goods bought for Freight &^{ca} Charges w^{ch} they desired might be sent in spetie as soone as possible, That they had ordered Cap^{t} North and Cap^{t} Earning to be paid 500 Rup^{s} each upon Acco^{tt} of their Owners according to Charter Party, That the *Ganges* was gone with 600 Baggs Petre to the *Golden Fleece* and all other goods in a good forwardness.

A Letter from Hugly 7,000 Rup^{s} drawne on them from Ballassore. they want 20,000 Rup^{s}.

Cap^{t} North and Cap^{t} Earning paid 500 Rup^{s} apeece.

Received a Letter from the Vackeel at Rajamaul advising that he had noe news of the Petre Boates being on their way from Pattana, and that Shasta Chauns Son Buzur Omeed Chaun and Bolchund were near of Rajamaul, and the Nabob himselfe following.

a Letter from the Vackeel at Rajamaul. Noe newes of the Petre Boates.

Cassumbazar, Monday, the ℘^{mo} December 1679.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQ^{RE}, *Agent.*

MR. RICHARD MOHUN.

MR. EDWARD LITTLETON.

Mr. Littleton and Mr. Naylor being examined to the Papers of Informations received in the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} Packett (that should have come in the *Golden Fleece*) the former answeared that as to what concernes himselfe therein 'tis all false, and

Mr. Littleton and Mr. Naylor examined to the Paper of Informations.

Mr. Littleton's answear.

Mr. Naylor's answear.

as to what concernes Mr. Vincent whilst he has been in Cassumbazar as to any wrong to the Company to his knowledge, it was alsoe false, and John Naylor the latter answeared that it was a wrong information, he neither had said nor knew of any such thing as in the 18th Article of the paper (which was read to him) he is mentioned to have done.

Mr. Littleton's answear about the Bookes required to be sent home.

As to the Copys of the bookes required to be sent home, Mr. Littleton answeared, that for the originall Bookes whereby the Silke is weighed from the Marchants and weighed and sorted to the Company, there are none other, but the Warehouse-keepers Bookes w^{ch} during his time of being in this Factory he says to his knowledge have been truly entered in the Bookes of Acco^{tt} that have been sent for England. The Consultation Bookes have been duly sent home, The Copys of Letters are Registered and sent home from Hugly, The Acco^{tt} of the severall prizes that Rupees Sicca have been sold at, and the Acco^{tt} of the Mint affairs have been entered in the Bookes of Acco^{tt} which are gone for England and shall be for the future annually sent home.

Y^{e} Chief &^{c} of Hugly desire 20,000 Rupees.

being but Rup^{s} 1,361:7:6 in Cash in this Factory.

so to take it up at Interest.

The Chief and Counceil of Hugly having desired 20,000 Rup^{s} to be sent them by Boate to supply the Comp^{as} occasions there, upon an examination of the Acco^{tt} of Cash ballanced to this day there is but Rup^{s} 1,361: 7; 6 in Cash in this Factory, wherefore 'tis resolved to write to them to take it up there at Interest, and if they cannot doe that, then to advise hither, and the Chief &^{ca} of this Factory are thereupon ordered to take up the said sume and send it downe by Boate.

Y^{e} Saltpetre not being arrived cousidered.

Resolved to buy up all y^{e} Saltpetre in Hugly.

and send it speedily aboard the ships upon freighted Vessels.

Orders to lade the Comp^{as} goods aboard the Sloopes and send them to Ballasore.

Upon consideration of the lateness of the yeare and noe Saltpetre yet arived from Pattana, and noe advice from Mr. Charnock of its being sent from thence, It is resolved to send orders to the Chief and Councell at Hugly to buy up what Saltpetre there is to be sold there and to lade it upon Freighted Vessells and send it aboard the Ships wth all expedition possible, and considering that a change of the government of this Country is suddenly at hand, It is thought fit to send orders to the Chief and Councell at Hugly that they lade all the Companys goods there, upon the Sloopes and at freight upon Ships and Vessells wth Decks to be had at Hugly, and send them to Ballasore Road, ordering an equall proportion to be laden upon each of the Ships.

A Bale of Arundee to be sent for England.

It is ordered that a Bale of Arundee a new sort of Cloth neither Silke nor Cotton be bought and packed up to be sent for England by these Ships.

Musters of Maulda goods to be reserved in the Factory.

It is ordered that Musters of the Maulda goods provided this yeare be reserved in the Factory by which the prizes of the same may be examined hereafter.

Y^{e} Soldyers &^{c} and Peons to be paid a months pay, 446 : 1 : 4.

It is ordered that the English Soldyers &^{ca} and the Peons w^{ch} came with the Agent be paid a months pay here, and charged to Acco^{tt} Currant Fort S^{t} George Rup^{s} 446: 01: 04.

A Letter to Hugly.

A Letter to the Chief and Councell at Hugly was read and passed.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.

JOHN NICKS, *Sec^{ry}*

RICHARD MOHUN.

EDW^{D} LITTLETON.

To the WORP$_{LL}$ MATTHIAS VINCENT, Chief, &^{ca}, Councell in Hugly.

Y^{e} letter from Ballasore returned.

Yesterday we received yours of the 24th November with the Inclosed from Ballasore which is returned herewith, the 7,000 Rup^{s} which they have drawne upon you, and the 3,000 Rup^{s} which you intended to remit them we suppose may compleat their business, seeing the goods fall short in their sortments.

Your want of money cannot be supplyed.

Soe take it up at Interest.

Mr. Clavells and Mr. Marshall's Acco^{tt} to be paid in.

We observe your want of money to pay for the goods brought in, and for freight &^{ca} charges, and here being none in Cash, and none to be expected untill it comes from the Mint, w^{ch} will be about a month, you must take it up at Interest to discharge those concernes, and for the buying of Saltpetre as we shall now enorder you, we presume you have brought into the Acco^{tt} Cash the sumes enordered to be paid in for the Acco^{tt} of Mr. Clavell and Mr. Marshall and if not you must doe it as before enordered.

Noe advice of the receipt of Letters and Papers sent.

We wonder you advise us not of the Receipt of our Letters of the 19th and 20th Novemb^{r} and of the Papers sent in the latter for the Reconciling Cassumbazar Bookes.

By a letter from Rajamaul noe newes of the Petre.

soe not likely to arive time enough.

therefore to buy up all the Petre in Hugly.

and send it aboard the Ships *Success* and *George*.

Y^{e} Sloopes to be laden wth fine goods and sent aboard the *Golden Fleece*.

It is now 10 days since we received the last letters from Mr. Charnock and 'tis 20 days since those were dated, and yesterday we received a Letter from the Vackeel at Rajamaul dated 3 days since, and then noe newes of the Petre Boates there, the water is now fallen soe low in the Mohanna that the Pottellacs must be unladen, soe that should the Petre be this day dispatcht from Rajamaul it would be at the least 15 days ere it could reach Hugly, and to attend soe long and it should not come, we are then past all hopes of saving the Ships voyages, whereas there is now some hopes of it left. Upon consideration therefore of this matter we have Resolved and doe hereby enorder you to buy up what Petre there is to be sold in Hugly with all the expedition you can possible, and lade it upon Freighted Vessells or Boraes to Kinteladge y^{e} Ships *Success* and *George*, and lade the Comp^{as} Sloopes with fine goods a proportion of each sortment from every Factory and order it to be laden on the *Golden Fleece*, and take care to draw up the Invoice of said Ship, that when we come downe nothing may hinder our present Imbarquing.

the goods to be laden upon Freighted Vessells and sent away for feare of a stop upon change of government.

Shasta Chauns Son and Bolchund (and 'tis said Hodgee Suffee Chaun comes to be Duan againe) were near Rajamaul when the Vackeels letter came thence, and 'tis supposed by this time they have past it, the Jemidars and officers hereabouts are goeing out to meet them; wherefore least some stop or let should happen upon this change of government we desire you to get all the peece goods in a readiness and lade them on freight aboard the Ships and Vessells with Decks that lye at Hugly, that is to say upon the *Bengale March^{t}* the *Rosa Marina* and the *Princes*, and with what Petre you can get ready, see they have able Pilots and send them downe to Ballasore Road, ordering an equall proportion upon each of the ships.

if noe mony can be taken up at exchange not Interest, to advise thereof.

You say you cannot take up mony by Exchange, and if you cannot take it up at Interest neither, advise soe much and it will be taken up at Interest here and sent downe by Boat.

This being the needfull at present we rest

Your affectionate friends,
STREYNSHAM MASTER.
RICHARD MOHUN.
EDWARD LITTLETON.

CASSUMBAZAR

Decemb^{r} ꝑ^{mo} 1679.

The Cossett to have ½ a Rupee if he performes his promise.

The Cossett has promised to deliver this letter to you tomorrow night if he does soe we have promised you shall give him ½ a Rupee Buxses, delivered at 10 a Clock.

the English and Dutch sent to, to meet Shasta Chaun's Son.

ꝑ^{mo}.—A Spahee or horseman came with a Letter from Bolchund to our Factory and another also to the Dutch advising that Shasta Chauns Son and himselfe should be at Meerdond Pore tomorrow or next day, and that it would be fit for us to meet him there.

Cassumbazar, Tuesday the 2^{d} December 1679.

At a Consultation, Present:

Streynsham Master, Esq^{re}, *Agent.*

Mr. Richard Mohun.

Mr. Edward Littleton.

Regulations.

For the Regulating of the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} affairs in this Factory it is Resolved and ordered.

Bookes for Silkes of Europe Dye.

That the Bookes kept for the Acco^{tt} of Silke, of Europe Dye, shall be soe kept noe longer, but that the Acco^{tt} thereof be included in the Bookes of Acco^{tt} kept for the Factory, Except the mony given on Dadanee to the Weavers the particular Acco^{tt} of w^{ch} shall be kept in the Weavers bookes.

Weavers Bookes.

That the Second of the Factory shall keepe the Bookes, wherein the Acco^{tts} of the Weavers and Silke Marchants are distinctly kept (as well as the Factory Bookes) and Ballance the same yearely at the same time the Factory Bookes are Ballanced, and one Journall of the said Weavers Bookes shall every yeare be copyed and sent to Hugly to be sent for England.

Warehouses and the Acco^{tts}.

That the third of the Factory shall keepe all the Warehouses and have all goods under his care and charge, as well the Taffatys and Silkes &^{ca} relating to Europe dye as all other goods, and that in the Warehouse Bookes he doe sett downe the rates and prizes of all goods received and delivered and sume up the same, except the prizes of Taffatys which are sett downe in the Journall of the Weavers Bookes.

Prizes of Taffatys.

That the prices of the Taffatys shall be written upon every peece by the Warehouse-keeper (or if he be otherwise Imployed by some other) as the Chief prices them, that thereby he may gaine experience in that affair, and the Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} be fully informed of the price paid for those goods, and that the price may not be knowne to others the figures of the Annas may be placed first, and the figures for the Rupees last, and some alteration made afterwards as shall be found fit or as the Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} may advise.

Raw Silke.

That the Raw Silke brought in by the Picars shall be well sorted in the Factory before it be priced, and at the prizing thereof (which is allways to be done by the Chief, Second and third) the Warehouse-keeper shall looke well to the puting of it back into the Bags, and to write upon the Bags the Nomber of the sortment and the name of y^{e} Marchant, that soe the weight of each sort as Received in and Delivered out may agree, and the Warehouse-keeper shall keepe Colums of the weight of each sort in his Ledger.

to prevent frauds.

That the Warehouse-keeper shall suffer none to goe into the Warehouse where the Raw Silke is kept, but such as are in the Companys Service, and noe Natives to goe in there at any time without an English man, and noe more of the Marchants Servants then one at a time whose Silke is weighing off, to prevent theft and alsoe deceit in changing and mixing the severall sorts of Silkes, the Course with the Fine, and therefore in shifting the Bags before 'tis weighed, but one sort must be opened at one time.

Weight of the Raw Silke.

That the Rawe Silke shall be weighed out and packt for England at the same weight 'tis Received in, that is at 71 Rup^{s} Sicca ℘ Sear, and that some English of the Factory doe assist at the weighing of the Silke in and out and of all other Fine goods.

Packing Stuff.

Rup^{s}	Ans.	P.
3:	10:	¾ ℘ chest.
2:	9¼:	0 ℘ bale.

That all the Packing Stuff and Materialls for Packing y^{e} Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} goods shall be bought with the Companys mony and charged at the true price, and an Acco^{tt} of Packing Stuffe kept in the Bookes as was ordered in the Regulations made the 3^{d} Novemb^{r} 1676 and neither the Warehouse-keeper (tho he hath disbourst his owne money for such things) nor any other shall have any advantage therein, either this yeare or hereafter. (An Acco^{tt} of Packing of 65 Ch: Taffatys amounting to Rup^{s} 238: 7: 10 and 490 bales Silke amounting to Rup^{s} 1,262: 13: 7 and 1 bale Rawe Taffatys Rupees 5: 12: 9 for this yeare being now examined is aproved.)

abatement upon ready mony 1¼ ℘ cent &^{ca}.

In reguard the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} treasure is long time coyning and they are in the interime at the charge of Interest for mony to carry on their Investments, therefore to save the said charge, It is Resolved and Ordered, That upon all Peet (or Currant mony) Rup^{s} which shall be paid out to the Silke Marchants or to the Weavers either upon Dadanee afterward in full of Acco^{tt} shall be deducted Rup^{s} 1: 4 Annas out of every hundred Rup^{s} at the time of the said payment, upon Sicca Rupees shall be deducted two Rup^{s} ℘ cent and as much more as the Batta shall hereafter rise above one ℘ cent, and upon Gold Moors shall be charged two annas and a halfe a peece more than y^{e} Bazar Rate.

Dadanee.

And in reguard 'tis fit to settle the sumes to be Impressed or given for Dadanee upon goods, It is ordered, that for the first Dadanee upon every Bale of Silke of 80 Sear shall be given out 200 Rup^{s}—upon every Bale of Muckta 100 Rup^{s} and upon every peece of Fine Taffaty 4 Rup^{s} and noe new Dadanee to be given before the former be brought in by the Person indebted, and if any Marchant or Weaver that hath received the Companys Dadanee shall deliver his goods to any other, he shall not be further Imployed.

Vackeels and Writers to be paid noe wages.

Dustoore.

It is also ordered that the Vackeels, the Mutsuddys or Writers and the Tagadgeers Dumiers or Overseers of y^{e} Weavers and Picars and the Podars shall from this day forward have noe monthly wages paid them upon the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} Acco^{tt} but they shall be content with the Dustoor mony of a quarter of an anna upon a Rupee, which the Marchants and Weavers are to allow them, and they shall not allow anything more upon any pretence whatsoever, and the said Dustoore mony shall be Divided Every yeare twice or oftener by the Chief and Councell of this Factory, amongst the said Writers, Tagadgeers, Podars and Vackeels, and there shall be kept five or six Writers, one to write and keepe the Charges Generall, a Taffaty Measurer and Weigher, two Podars, four or five Tagadgeers besides Peons imployed therein, one Vackeel for Persia writeing and one to goe to and fro of Messages upon occasion, and these and others more or less as shall be found necessary by the Chief &^{ca} are to be paid out of the Dustoor mony.

Marchants & acquainted therewth

And that the Marchants &^{ca} may know what to trust unto and not be surprized or thinke that they are imposed upon by the Chief of the Factory when they shall come to Receive the Dadanee, It is thought fit to send for such of the Marchants, Weavers, Writers &^{ca} as are in and about the Factory, and acquaint them with what herein concerns them, and that from this day forward these orders are to be observed in this Factory, which was done accordingly.

Buildings.

The Throwing house being built of mud walls and covered with Thatch is falling downe although but lately set up, and there being many other buildings about the Factory of Mud and Thatch which put the Company to continuall great charge of Repairs often falling and often burning downe and indanger the goods and the whole building. It is ordered that the Throwing house and the Weaving house be built of Brick within the Compound of the Factory, and not at such a distance as the farther end of the Garden, that the Factory be walled about with a Brick wall and the Kitchin and as many small out-houses as are necessary for the accommodation of marryed people be built with bricks wch are now cheap, and that a convenient Roome be set apart for an Office for writeing business in wch the Bookes and Papers are to be carefully layd up in Presses made for that purpose, and the said Roome is never to be diverted to any other use.

an Office.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOHN NICKS *Secry.* RICHARD MOHUN.
EDWARD LITTLETON.

Ye Dutch went to meet Buzur Omeed Chaun.

3rd.—About 1 or 2 a Clock in the morning the Dutch sett out to meet Buzur Omeed Chaun; at noone the Peon which we sent to bring notice of his comeing brought Accott of his goeing toward Meredandpore, In the afternoone Mr. Needham and Mr. Catchpole were sent to meet him with a present of Broad Cloth &ca; the Agent being upon his departure hence Mr. Littleton could not be spared to make this visit.

Mr. Needham and Mr. Catchpole sent to meet him with a Present.

Ye Agent &ca left Cassumbazar.

4th.—At noone the Agent with all his Company left Cassumbazar, Mr. Littleton &ca of the Factory and some of the Marchants accompanying him to Moulda.

Mr. Littleton &ca charged to dispatch the business.

There being much business yet to be done in the Factory as the sorting and packing of Raw Silke and Maulda Cloth, the prizing, sorting and packing of Taffatys to goe home upon the Ships, Mr. Littleton &ca were charged to dispatch the same with all hast possible.

John Griffith a Throwster left at Cassumbazar.

John Griffith a Soldyer of the Agents guard a Throwster by Trade and left that Imployment here the last yeare was now upon his earnest request and Mr. Littletons desire left here in the same imploy againe, to have but Soldyers pay of 10 Rups per mensem and Dyett.

Ye Widdow Knipe granted liberty to build a Tombe.

The Widow of Mr. George Knipe desireing leave to build a Tomb over her Husbands Corps upon the Banke of the River it was granted.

Layd too at Puttale.

5th.—In the Evening we layd too to eat at a Towne called Puttalee where some Guzzeratt Marchants live, and buy good quantitys of Silke yearly to send to Ahmadavad.

Saturday the 6th arived at Hugly.

6th.—About 9 a Clock in the Night we arived at Hugly, Mr. Vincent &c mett us at the Garden but we stayed not.

Letters from Ballasore.

7th.—Received Letters from Ballasore dated the 1st December with the Accott Cash for the month of November, and Copys of their Bookes of Accotts Charges Generall and Warehouse Bookes adviseing that Mr. Edwards to make up

how Mr. Edwards made up the Compa. Cash.

the Companys Cash when the Agent was at Ballasore Borrowed of Chittamunsaw to the amount of 7,599 Rupees wch after the Agents departure thence was all paid back except 165 Gold Mohur for which Mr. Edwards gave a bill which still stands out. That the Rups 8,357:12:6 drawne in Hugly was paid out to Chincham and Gololchund on Accott this yeares Investment as apears by the Acctt Cash for October, That they had taken back their last bill for 7,000 Rups and perswaded the Marchants to stay.

Ye bill for 7,000 Rups taken back.

8th.—Received letters from Pattana, dated the 22th November with copy of an Invoice of 31 boates laden with 29,891 Mds. 29 Srs. Saltpetre amount to Rups 65,791-00-6 and an Invoice of Druggs for the Fort use Rups 120: 1 Anna, adviseing that the said Boates went from Pattana the 19th but stopt at two other places, and the Boatmen returned back to Pattana, but were all gone againe save the two chief of them which they desire may receive exemplar punishment. The warehouse was not yet opened, and Mr. Charnock was makeing hast to come away after the remaines of the Factory were delivered up, part of which being a parcell of Lead was weighing. These letters arived at Cassumbazar the 5th Instant, the day after the Agent left it, which is 12 dayes after date and they usually goe it in 8 dayes.

Letters from Pattana.

Ye warehouse not yet opened.

A small vessell goeing hence to Metchlepa the following Letters were written and sent upon her, and the Ballance of the Hugly Genll: Bookes sent to the Fort which were Ballanced and perfectly concluded this day.

Letters sent to the Fort, Metchlepa and Madapollam.

To the Worpll Joseph Hymners, Esqre, Deputy Governr &ca, Councell in Fort St George.

Our last to you bears date the 13th last month from Cassumbazar, and the 25th being there we received advices from our friends at Metchlepa and Madapollam concerning the Honoble Companys Investments and of the Storme which hapend at Metchlepa and hath done great damage in those parts, but we have not received one line from yourselves in Genll: relating to the Honoble Compas affairs since we left the Fort wch we something wonder at.

received letters from Metchlepa and Madapollam.

but none from yourselves.

Hereinclosed we send you copy of the Accott Currtt Fort St George and Accott Stock in Hugly bookes, desireing you to enter the same in your bookes, and observe to make Bay Bengale Accott in your Bookes Rest Dr upon Ballance Rupees 10,65,010:07:11 Pice wch is the credit of the Accott Stock in the Hugly Bookes.

Copy of Acctt Currtt Fort St George and Acctt Stock sent.

There is no Saltpetre come from Pattana and fearing the worst by reason we heard not from Mr. Charnock in many days, we sent orders from Cassumbazar the 1st Instant to buy up petre in Hugly for the *Success* and *George* (the *Golden Fleece* having allready about 150 tons on board) and accordingly here is about 8,000 Mds. bought up, and in few days will be sent downe to the ships; all the other goods are alsoe shiping off that are come hither, but none are yet arived from Dacca, and there is much behind at Cassumbazar.

Noe Saltpetre from Pattana.

to buy up Petre in Hugly.

Wch with other goods are shiping off.

This day we have received advice from Mr. Charnock that the Petre is set out from Pattana but 'twill be long ere it arive here.

Ye Petre sett out from Pattana.

The Invoice of the Silver that came on the *Golden Fleece* is much wanted here, and the Invoices of the *Golden Fleece* and *George* are interchanged.

Ye Invoice of Silver by the *Golden Fleece* is much wanted.

We returned hither from Cassumbazar Satturday the 6th Instant at night and are hastening hence as fast as business will permitt, hopeing to be at Metchlepatam some time this month we rest

returned from Cassumbazar.

HUGLY,
December 8th 1679.

Your affectionate friends,

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
RICHARD MOHUN.

To MR. CHRISTOPHER HATTOW, Chief, &ca, Councell in Metchlepatam.

Yours of the 15th October we received the 25th November in Cassumbazar, the Acco^tt you render of the Storme w^ch hapned with you two days before date of your letter is very admirable, and we bless God that yourselves and the Hono^ble Comp^as concernes escaped the damage thereby somewhat better than others.

Your letter rece^d.

Nothwithstanding there is noe Petre arived from Pattana we have bought up as much here as will kintelage all the ships, and we hope to be with you in the *Golden Fleece* some time this month which is all at present from

Noe Petre from Pattana, soe bought it here.

HUGLY,
December 8th 1679.

Your affectionate friends,

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
RICHARD MOHUN.

Send the letters to the Fort by Expressss.

To MR. JOHN FIELD, Chief, &ca, Councell in Madapollam.

Yours of the 18th October we received in Cassumbazar the 25th Novemb^r and are well satisfied with the Acco^tt you render of the Hono^ble Comp^as affairs under your charge, we hope to be up with you in the *Golden Fleece* about the 20th or 25th of this month, therefore desire you to keepe Cattamarans out and great Boates laden with goods ready to put on board upon the apearance of the ship which is the needfull at present from

Your letter rece^d.

to keepe out Cattamarans aad Boates.

HUGLY,
December 8th 1679.

Your affectionate friends,

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
RICHARD MOHUN.

Letters writt to Cassumbazar, Dacca and Ballasore.

9th.—Letters were written to Cassumbazar, Dacca and Ballasore.

To Cassumbazar was sent a paper of the particulars of the sumes to be entered in their next Bookes to adjust their Acco^tt with Hugly Bookes, advised to hasten away the goods and the Invoices, and to send M^r Catchpole to Meirdandpore to hasten the Petre Boates by hiring them with 4 or 500 Rup^s to get their owne Boates over the Flats or to hire small boates to bring it thence.

Contents of the letter to Cassumbazar.

To Dacca was written that 'twas much to be admired noe advices had come from thence, and noe newes of Mr. Hervy or of the goods notwithstanding the licence

Y^e Contents of the letter to Dacca.

and order for his comeing away, the last letters from Dacca being dated the 7th and received the 16th November in Cassumbazar.

Ye Contents of the letter to Ballasore.

1,000 Rups Cowull or Mr. Bugden.

To Ballasore that in case they were much necessitated for mony they should draw bills on Hugly; to make strict enquiry into Cowulls Accott against the Agents returne to Ballasore Mr. Bugden standing upon it that Cowull owned the receipt of all the mony charged to him vizt 1,000 Rups the 20th Novembr 1675, 1,000 Rups the 23d October 1676, and 700 Rups the 27th November 1676 of which there is but 1,700 Rups charged to his Accott in Ballasore, and the first 1,000 Rups yet to be made good, and to get ready and send off provisions &ca for the Agents voyage to the Coast.

Hugly, Wednesday, the 10th December 1679.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQRE, *Agent.*

MR. MATTHIAS VINCENT.

MR. RICHARD MOHUN.

Richd Browne, Wm Richardson and Clement King to make sale of Mr. Bellamys concernes.

It is ordered that Mr. Richard Browne, Ensigne William Richardson and Mr. Clement King take into their charge all the goods &ca that were brought from the Fort by Mr. Will: Bellamy Deceased, and make sale of the same at publicke outcry, and carry the proceed thereof in Rupees upon the Ship the Agent returnes in to Madrass.

Rups $53\frac{5}{8}$ to be paid out of Brocklesbys Credit.

Peter Large producing a bill of Robert Brocklesby Deceased dated in Metchlepatam the 12th February $167\frac{7}{8}$ for Rups $53\frac{5}{8}$ received of Mrs. Elizabeth Safery, It is ordered that the same be paid out of Brocklesbys Credit in the Companys Bookes.

Mr. Clavells Accott charged Rups 363 for Interest.

Mr. Vincent and Mr. Littleton to pay Rups 2,783 : 4 the ballance of Mr. Clavells Accott.

Upon examining of Mr. Walter Clavell Deceased his Accott in the Compas Bookes it apearing that there is 2,420 Rups which he received of Nimdas some years since that is not made good in the Rups 12,629:15:9 ordered to be paid into the Compas Cash the 16th day of October last, It is ordered that said Walter Clavells Accott be charged 363 Rups for two years Interest of Rups 2,420 at $1\frac{1}{4}$ ℘ cent ℘ mensem, and it is ordered that Mr. Matthias Vincent and Mr. Edward Littleton the overseers of the last Will and Testament of the said Walter Clavell Deceased doe pay into the Compas Cash Rups 2,783: 4 Annas, the ballance of his Accott in the Companys Bookes.

Mr. Reades desire to returne for England.

Granted.

4 parcells of goods bought of him for the Compas Accott.

Mr. Edward Reade desireing leave to returne for England by this yeares Shiping, and to lade some goods wch he had provided before the arivall of the Ships that were not prohibited untill the arivall of the Compas orders by these Ships, It is thought fit to grant his request, and in regard that the Owners and Officers of the Ships have less tonnage allowed them then hertofore soe that he cannot get tonnage for all the goods he has provided, he offered to put off 4 parcells of goods to the Company at the prime cost the mony being given out in March last vizt—

1 Ch. Rastas 130 pcs. cost Rupees	722	8	0
1 Ch. Taffatys white wth small stripes severall collours 150 pcs. cost Rups	674	5	6
1 Ch. Attlasses 120 pcs. 24 coveds long 2 broad Rups . . .	887	0	0
1 bale Nehalewar Elatches 215 pcs. 36 coveds long 2 broad Rups	683	12	0
Totall Rups .	2,967	9	6

It is thought fit to accept of the said goods for the Comp^{as} Acco^{tt} and it is ordered that the said sume of Rup^{s} 2,967 : 09 : 6 be paid Mr. Edward Reade out of the Companys Cash here.

Edmund Bugden Dr. to Thomas Pace Rup^{s} 293 : 1.

It is ordered that Mr. Edmund Bugden be made Dr to Thomas Pace Deceased in the Companys Bookes for Rup^{s} 239 : 01 which he received of Mr. Hervy in the yeare 1676.

Edmund Bugden to have salary and Dyett mony to the 10th Octob^{r} last.

It is ordered that Mr. Edmund Bugden be allowed sallary to the 10th October last when he finished the delivery of the Remaines of the Warehouse in his Custody, and that he be allowed Dyett mony to the same time at 25 Rup^{s} ꝑ mensem as the Hono^{ble} Company ordered in the last yeares letter.

Mr. Bugden to goe Ballasore to adjust the 1,000 Rup^{s} between him and Cowull.

And the said Edmund Bugden standing upon it that Cowull at Ballasore did before the Chief &^{c} there owne the 1,000 Rup^{s} w^{ch} was found in Hugly Bookes, and is not charged to his Acco^{tt} in Ballasore, altho the Chief &^{c} in their Letter of 30th October signify the contrary, Mr. Bugden is ordered to goe with the Agent to Ballasore to adjust that Acco^{tt} there.

Mr. Bugden to pay into the Cash Rup^{s} 1,028 : 13.

And the said Mr. Bugdens Acco^{tt} being now adjusted it is ordered that he pay Rup^{s} 1,028 : 13 Annas into the Cash here being the Ballance of his Acco^{tt} in the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} bookes.

Rich^{d} Swanleys Copper and Tinn in Mr. Bellamys hands to be weighed to him.

It apearing by a Note of Mr. Bellamys hand and by witnesses that he received 100 Pag^{s} of Mr. Richard Swanley Purser of the *Success* to Invest in Copper, Tinn or Tuttynage, and lade on the same Ship he went in himselfe to the Bay, It is ordered that Copper and Tynn to the said amo^{tt} be delivered to said Swanley, he giving up the Note with a Receipt thereupon.

John Stephensons 61 pcs. Tuttynage to be disposed of for his Acco^{tt}.

It apearing by a bill of John Stephenson, and William Bellamys Note upon it, that 61 pcs. Tuttynage laden on the *George* were the goods of said Stephenson, It is ordered that the said 61 pcs. be disposed of for Acco^{tt} of said Stephenson, and a chest of glassware of Mr. Ravencrofts to be delivered to the Agents order.

Plate bought of Mr. Reade for the use of the Fort.

Ordered that Rup^{s} 632 : 8 be paid to Mr. Edward Reade for a parcell of Plate being 19 peeces poiz Dollars 300-06¼ Rup^{s} at 240 Rup^{s} for 100 Dollars weight and at 209 Rup^{s} price for 100 Dollars is Rup^{s} 632½ w^{ch} is to be charged to Acco^{tt} of Fort St. George, the said Plate being delivered to the Agents Butler Peter Ashton to carry up for the use of the Fort.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
RICHARD MOHUN.

JOHN NICKS, *Sec^{ry}.*

A Phyrwanna to demand payment of 11,565 Rup^{s}.

10th.—There came a Phyrwannee from the Kings Duan at Dacca to the Phosdar here to demand present payment of 11,565 Rup^{s} from the English viz^{t} 7,540 Rup^{s} for Guns sold by Mr. Blake about the yeare 1664 that were not rece^{d} at Dacca and 4,025 Rup^{s} for mony delivered to James Price the Vackeel in the Warrs against the Arracannars.

Y^{e} Dutch visited the Agent.

11th.—The Dutch Directore with his Lady &^{ca} came to the Factory to give the Agent a visit.

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Letters from Ballasore with their Diary and Acco^{tt} Cash.

12th.—Received Letters from Ballasore Dated the 6th with the Diary and Acco^{tt} Cash for October and November adviseing that the Investment was near concluded but they were in want of mony to pay for it and awaited orders for Shiping off the goods.

A letter sent to Ballasore.

A letter was written to Ballasore in answer to theirs, ordering them to draw Exc^{e} in Hugly to supply their want of mony, and to finish the Investment to lade the goods proportionably on the Ships and send up the Invoices.

Hugly, Saturday, the 13th December 1679.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQ^{RS}, *Agent.*

MR. MATTHIAS VINCENT.

MR. RICHARD MOHUN.

Consultations for Regulating of Private Trade for Maulda.

Musters to Maulda.

Building there.

It is ordered that the Consultations of 26th September and 28th April last signed and now delivered to Mr. Vincent be delivered to the Chief &^{ca} appointed for the Factory at Maulda to be observed there for the Regulating of Private Trade and Registering of all Dusticks. That the Musters ordered to be reserved at Cassumbazar of the goods provided this yeare by Jechund at Maulda be alsoe delivered to them to enquire into the price, if any abuse hath been done therein, that Musters of the Cloth bought at Dacca this yeare be alsoe sent to Maulda, and that in building the house at Maulda directions be given to make choice of an open place and high ground well situated upon or near the River and to build all of Brick.

600 pcs. Arunde.

It is ordered that there be 600 pcs. of Arundee and 4 bales of Arundee yarne provided by Maulda Factory to send home the next yeare viz^{t}—

400 pcs. of 15 yards long 1 yard broad
200 pcs. to be made of double twisted thread for saile
Cloth of 15 yards long and halfe Ell broad.

Dacca Investm^{t} Retrenched.

And in reguard the same goods which are provided at Dacca, may be provided cheaper at Maulda by reason of the Dutys of the Citty of Dacca, It is thought fit that more goods be provided at Maulda, and noe more at Dacca then what cannot be provided elsewhere.

Sloopes to goe to the Fort.

It is ordered that the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} three Sloopes be laden with Saltpetre some Timbers and such goods as may be left behind by the Ships and sent up to the Fort with the same as soone as can be after the Ships this monsoon.

2 Ch. Currall to the Fort.

There being two Chests of Currall N^{o}.11, 12 that came downe upon the *George* by some mistake, 'tis ordered that the said two Chests be reladen upon the same Ship againe and returned to the Fort.

Mr. Bugdens Acco^{tt} cleared.

Mr. Bugden pretending want of mony to close his Acco^{tt} in the Companys Bookes, and offering a bill of Moorterams and some goods he had provided for England, It is thought fitt to accept thereof, and to clear his Acco^{tt} viz^{t}—

400 pcs. gurberrees 20 coveds long 2 broad.

214 pcs. head at Rs. 1 : 14 ꝑ peece	401 04	726 : 12 : 00
186 pcs. belly at Rs 1 : 12	325 08	
Moorterams bill w^{ch} he promises to pay at Ballas		270 : 00 : 00
Paid into Cash here to even the Acco^{tt}		32 : 01 : 00
The Ballance of his Acco^{tt}		1,028 : 13 : 00

leave for him to stay in the Bay.

And he desireing to have leave to stay in the Bay untill next yeare to get in his Estate abroad it was granted, he giveing a Bond in 200 pag^{es} to bring his wife and live as an Inhabitant at Madraspatnam the next yeare.

The freemen were all summon'd before the Agent and Councell and required to Repair to Madrass according to the Company's orders to w^{ch} they answeared and it was condescended to as followeth.

John Holliwell.

John Holliwell who came this yeare from Bantam offered to give Bond of 200 Pag^{os} to come and live as an Inhabitant of Madrasp^{n} the next yeare, w^{ch} was accepted and a Pass granted him as an Inhabitant under the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} Governm^{t}.

Daniell Roberts.

Daniell Roberts offered to give Bond to come to Madrass or to enter into the Companys Service as a Pilott for the River Ganges when he should be required, and there being want of Pilots for the River it was accepted and a Pass granted.

George Scott.

George Scott promised to give Bond to come to Madrass next yeare, or to enter into the Companys Service as a Pilot for the River Ganges when he should be required, w^{ch} was accepted and a Pass granted him.

Richard Moseley.

Richard Moseley hath allready entered into Bond to come to Madrass when he shall be required, and he desireing to have license to keepe a house of entertainment w^{ch} is wanting here for the Ships people, it was granted, he paying 30 Rup^{s} to the Comp^{as} Cash for the same for one years time, and a Pass granted him as an Inhabitant of Madrass.

David Story.

David Story promised to comply with his Bond given last yeare, and to bring his wife up to Madrass by some ship this yeare.

Martin Obryan.

Martin Obryan whose wife is at Metchlep^{a} promised to give Bond to bring his wife and live as an Inhabitant at Madrass, by next yeare upon w^{ch} a Pass was granted him.

Shasta Chaun to be presented.

In reguard Shasta Chaun is comeing downe to the government of these Provinces, and 'tis absolutely necessary to present him as accustomary at his entrance into the governm^{t}, it is left to the Chief and Councell of the Bay to make up the said Present and to present it as shall seeme best upon his aproach.

Mellick Cossum to be presented.

Mellick Cossum departing hence that day the Agent arived from Cassumbazar to meet Shasta Chauns Son; left a Memorandum for the present he expected upon the Agents comeing, therefore 'tis thought fit to leave it to the Chief and Councell here to present him to the vallue of about 500 Rup^{s} as he shall be in Imployment able to serve or disserve us.

A letter to Mr. Charnock.

A Letter ordering Mr. Charnock to deliver over the Charge of Pattana Factory to Mr. Peacock was read and passed.

Ships to be dispatched.

The Dispatch of the Ships being taken into consideration upon reading the 54th Section of the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} Letter to the Agent and Councell of 12th December 1677, It is ordered that the *Golden Fleece* and the *George* be dispatched the first Ships, and that the *Success* being the last Ship be detained to carry up the remainder of the goods without touching at Metchlepatam, and that she be detained noe longer then is absolutely necessary for the Companys Service.

Mr. Edward Reade desireing to take his passage home upon the *George*, and to have allowance for fresh provisions for his homeward voyage, It is ordered that 200 Rup^{s} be paid him being in the quality of a Senior Marchant for provisions &^{c} and that an order be given to Cap^{t} Earning to receive him and his family aboard his Ship *George* as Passengers for England.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
JOHN NICKS, Sec$^{ry.}$ MATTHIAS VINCENT.
RICHARD MOHUN.

MR. JOB CHARNOCK.

pretence for staying soe long holds not good.

ought to have come to Cassumbazar.

apointed Second at Hugly.

and to deliver up the Remaines, Bookes of Accott &^{ca} to Mr. George Peacock.

Complyance expected.

You have not done well in absenting yourself as you have done, your excuse of staying soe long this yeare at Pattana to cleare the Petre or the Warehouse or to deliver up the Remaines holds not good, for you have had for some Months notice of your removall, and were possitively ordered to be at Cassumbazar by a day sett, which you ought to have complyed with, and if any damage had accrued thereby, you had not been to blame for following the order, it lay under our care to provide for that; the business of Cassumbazar Factory being the greatest concerne of the Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} in these parts, the Agent went thither to settle severall things at the doeing of which it was necessary you should have been present, but you not comeing as enordered, and it being unfit to leave that place without a man of experrience to manage soe great a concerne, Mr. Edward Reade returning for England this yeare, and the Hono^{ble} Company designing you to succeed Chief in the Bay, we have now apointed and ordered you to be Second at Hugly, where you will understand the whole business of the Bay, and be the more fit to manage it when you shall be ordered to undertake it, it is allsoe the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} Rule for the Second in the Bay to be Second at Hugly. Therefore if you have not delivered up the Remaines before this shall have come to your hands, we doe upon receipt hereof enorder you to deliver up all the Remaines of Mony, goods &^{ca} belonging to that Factory, and all the Papers, Bookes of Acco^{tts} &^{ca} relateing to the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} affairs unto Mr. George Peacock whome we have apointed and doe hereby apoint to be Chief of the Factory at Pattana and Singee. Ieremg Peachy to be Second and Samuell Meverell to be third, and they are to examine and see that the Remaines and Debts doe agree with the Bookes of Acco^{tts}, we desire and expect your ready complyance herewith, that you may be downe to take charge of the business of Second here some time within the next Month of January w^{ch} is the needfull at present from

Your loving friends,

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
HUGLY, MATTHIAS VINCENT.
December 13th 1679. RICHARD MOHUN.

Letters from Cassumbazar, Pattana and Dacca.

Y^{e} Contents of the Letter from Pattana.

13th.—Received letters from Cassumbazar, Pattana and Dacca, in the letter from Pattana dated 26th Novemb^{r} Mr. Charnock advises that he is coming away and hopes that two or three days late arivall below will not create a dispute whether he can be settled in Casumbazar or not, That the 100 Mds. Lead delivered Cocklett, entered in Hugly Bookes Q at 1,000 Rup^{s} he had sold for Rup^{s} 952 : 12 : 00 and allowed it in Pattana Bookes V whereupon the Bookes being examined, 'twas found to be charged againe in Hugly Bookes V in Rup^{s} 952 : 12 : and therefore the first 1,000 Rup^{s} ordered to be wrott off by Profitt and Loss in Hugly Bookes X w^{ch} was done accordingly.

Ye Contents of the letter from Cassumbazar with their Diary and Accott Cash.

With the Cassumbazar Letter dated the 9th instant came their Diary and Accott Cash for November, and advices that they wrott the 6th with the Invoice of goods sent downe, wch being not yet come to hand a letter was Imediately dispatcht adviseing thereof, and desireing them to send another Invoice, also they advise that the Saltpetre was near Rajamaul, and by this time must be there, and that they were all hands imployed in the Dispatch of the goods wch should be sent away as fast as packed.

Ye Contents of the letter from Dacca with their Diary and Accott Cash.

The Dacca Letter Dated the 3rd Instant was accompanyed with their Diary and Accott Cash for October and November, and an answear to the Notes upon their Bookes W they advise that the sumes not entered in last Bookes will be entered in this years, that the charges of the Factory are entered in their Invoices upon the good, That the Gold was sold as by their Diary wch was at 12 Rups ℘ Tola, and the Essays at Rups 15 $\frac{6}{16}$ ℘ tola, the Copper was laden to be returned to Cassumbazar, and ye Lead, Tyn and Tuttynague they were selling there, Musters were packt apart, the Remaines delivered to Richd Trenchfield and John Pownsett and directions left in Consultation during S. Hervy's absence, That the Investment packed in 77 Chests of goods was laden in boates the 18th last Month but could not proceed without the Duans Dustick which he had refused to give untill the 2nd Instant. It is to be noted that they never advised of any such stop nor wrott a Letter from Dacca from the 7th November to the 3rd December.

Sunday the 14th orders for Civill government read.

The orders for the Civill government of the Factorys were read to the Factory after Divine Service.

Munday the 15th Alle Nucky sent to give the Duvoy to the Agent upon Shabas Chauns pretence.

Alle Nucky the Governr of Hugly for the Prince sent two men to the Factory to give the Duvoy to the Agent that he should not goe away, upon pretence that one Shabas Chaun had made complaint that he was imprisoned at Madraspatnam for stealing 1,700 Rups from his Kinsman, and his Camells, Horses, Slaves and 140 Pagos in mony taken from him, but himself had escaped and now demanded Justice to be done him here. Upon this story Alle Nucky detained the Vackeels, and besides he had sent for all the Company's Marchants and demanded mony of them to make up what he said the Revenue of the Towne had fallen short, and all this was to gett another Piscash from the Agent before he went off, upon which Accott he allsoe offered by the Marchants to come and give the Agent a visit, to which the Agent returned answear that he would not see him here, but if he would accompany him as far as the Ships he would there give him something and send him back againe.

he offers to visit the Agent.

Ye Agents answear.

A Letter from Dacca with their Diary and Invoice of 85 Chests Cloth.

Received a letter from Dacca signed by Richard Frenchfield and John Pownsett dated the 8th Instant with two copys of their Diary and Invoice of 85 Chests Cloth amott to Rups 72,816 : 07 : 01 wch with Mr. Hervy went from Dacca the 4th Instant.

A Letter from Cassumbazar advised the Petre Boates cleared.

16th.—Received a Letter from Cassumbazar dated the 12th Instant advising that the Petre Boates were cleared from Rajamaul and one of them tooke fire in the way coming downe wherein about 1,000 Maunds was burnt.

Mr. Hervy arived wth the Dacca goods.

At noone Mr. Samuell Hervy arived and the Boates wth the Dacca goods, and he gave Accott that two days since he left severall of the Petre Boates on their way hither.

Ye Agent &c. left Hugly.

takeing leave of the Dutch was treated by them.

About 3 afternoone the Agent &ca left Hugly, and Imbarqued on the Budgeros, calling at the Dutch house to take leave of them, the Directore &ca accompanyed us to the Dutch garden and there gave us a handsome treat and fired guns on the shoare and in their Ships at our reimbarquing at their Factory; about 10 in the Night we tooke leave, the

Agent with his Company goeing downe the River, and the Dutch Directore with Mr. Vincent &^{ca} returning to Hugly.

The Dutch Directore at parting gave the Agent a list of 17 Mens names that were run away from their Ships w^{ch} he said were aboard of the English Ships and desired might be returned to him, for he had order from Battavia to Protest if they were not, the Agent on the other side demanded of him why he did not doe him justice for the man that was murthured at Hugly. All the Dutch Ships were departed the Bay except two w^{ch} lay at Hugly bound to Batavia.

How the business was left at Hugly.

The business at Hugly we left thus, There was about 4,000 Baggs of Petre bought there (in the receiving of which there was many delays and much trouble and villany practiced by the Mogull Marchants who sold it) of which 2,580 baggs was laden upon the *Ganges*, the *Lilly*, the *Bengale Marchant* and the *Rosa Marina*, and the rest was lading upon *Porgos* and *Boras*, 2,400 Baggs was apointed for the *George*, as much to the *Golden Fleece* as with what she had allready aboard would make up 2,400 baggs, and the Rest for the *Success*, the 15th the *Lilly* and the *Ganges* with said lading and some peece goods, and the Agents &^{c}. lumber were sent away. The *Bengale Marchant* and the *Rosa Marina* beside the Petre were laden with what Raw Silke and peece goods they could take in which was all that was then in Hugly except some Bales of Romalls and y^{e} Dacca goods lately arived, and were to saile this night, y^{e} *Boras* and *Porgoes* with the rest of the Petre were to follow in a day or two at farthest.

Overtooke y^{e} *Ganges*, met the *Arivall* and passed by the *Lilly*.

17th.—In the morning before day we overtooke the *Ganges* at Barnagur, met the *Arivall* at Tannah having been 7 days from Ballasore Road, and the *Lilly* we passed by this Night at Tumbalee.

went into y^{e} River Kendva.

19th.—We stayed in the Budgeras at Kedgeree and went into the River that leads to Kendva w^{ch} is a very secure deep River for the Ships to winter in but shallow at the Entrance, and if one of them small Islands or Townes could be gott at Fatme it would much secure our Ships trade of provisions and prevent continuall clamours wth the Country People and our. Seamen. This night the *Lilly* came downe to Kedgeree.

Sailed out of the River.

20.—In the morning we sailed out of the River by Ingerlee and in the night gott near over the Braces y^{e} wind contrary.

gott aboard of the *Golden Fleece*.

Sunday the 21.—In the morning the Agent tooke the Budgera upon the edge of the Braces and rowed for Ballasore Road and was fairly in sight of the Ships before Sunsett, and about 9 at night got aboard of the *Golden Fleece* and sent a letter ashoare to Mr. Byam viz^{t}.

To Mr. John Byam Chief for the Hono^{ble} English East India Comp^{as} Affairs In Ballasore.

S^{r},

to hasten off what for the Fort with provision.

to come aboard and give Acco^{tt} of the affairs of the Factory.

I left Hugly on Tuesday Evening and came thence hither in the Budgera this night, I desire you to hasten off what formerly apointed for the Fort and for my voyage thither, and that yourselfe may come aboard to me by this Boat, to give me Acco^{tt} of the affairs of the Factory, and of the business of the 1,000 Rup^{s} with Cowull and the 4,000 Rup^{s} paid Mr. Bugden ℘ Chincham. Its like my Company may be expected ashoare, but I am not willing to spare soe much time the monsoone being far spent, w^{ch} is what offers at present from

Your affectionate servant,
STREYNSHAM MASTER.

SHIP *GOLDEN FLEECE*,
Decemb^{r} 21th 1679,

523 F. D.

Y^{e} *Lilly* and *Ganges* came into y^{e} Road.

22h.—In the morning the *Lilly* came into the Road, and afternoone the *Ganges*, the *Lilly* was delivered and sent into Ballasore River this day.

Mr. John Byam came off.

Mr. John Byam came off alsoe this afternoone, and it was determined convenient for the Agent to goe ashoare to-morrow morning.

Y^{e} Agent &^{c} went ashoare.

23.—The Agent &^{c} went ashoare in the Ships boate, and about noone arived at the Factory in Ballasore, the Marchants meeting him by the River side, but Merza Woolly the Deputy Governour to Mellick Cossum neither mett him nor sent to complement him.

Chincham examined to the 4,000 Rup^{s} charged to Mr. Bugden.

Cowull charges 500 Rup^{s} to Mr. Clavell & 500 Rup^{s} to Mr. Bugden.

In the Evening Chimcham and Cowull were sent for & examined, Chimcham to the 4,000 Rup^{s} charged as paid to Mr. Bugden the 10th January 1677 for which he said he could produce sufficient Testimonys, but Mr. Bugden was fully satisfyed in it and acknowledged it before 50 men when he was downe here in October last. Cowull's Acco^{tt} was taken from him by Mr. Byam some dayes since according to order from Hugly, and therein he ownes the Receipt of 2,700 Rup^{s} in ready mony, and charges 500 Rup^{s} which he paid Mr. Clavell in goods and 500 Rup^{s} in ready mony to Mr. Bugden, which mony paid to Mr. Bugden there were severall Banians present that did witness it, and one that was Mr. Bugden's servant, soe that Cowull's debt to the Company as he makes it is noe more then before.

Y^{e} Marchants Acco^{tts} drawne out.

The Marchants Acco^{tts} for this years business being by order drawne out by Mr. Byam and Hurry Churne apeared as followeth:—

due from them Rup^{s} 10,597 : 6 : 9.

	Rup^{s} Ans. Pice.
Paid the Marchants on this years Investm^{t} . .	89,516 : 06 : 09
Goods received from them amount to . . .	78,919 ... ...
Remaines due from the Marchants . .	10,597 : 06 : 09

Notwithstanding they had made such clamours for mony that Mr. Byam to satisfy them had often written very Importunately to Hugly for a supply.

Chimcham and Chintamundsaw make demands upon Mr. Edwards.

they are reproved.

Chimcham and Chittamundsaw made great demands upon Mr. Edwards producing Bills of his for mony he owed them, and were soe urgent and clamorous about it that 'twas necessary to reprove them, and to tell them, That 'twas by their underhand dealing in supplying Mr. Edwards with mony to make up the Comp^{as} Cash at the Agents being here, that he was now above 8,000 Rup^{s} out of Cash for which the Company must first be satisfied out of what he had left, whereupon they were silent finding nothing to say for themselves.

to make an outcry of Mr. Edwards his goods.

It was resolved to make an outcry of Mr. Edwards his goods to-morrow, all the Commanders and severall others being now ashoare here.

Y^{e} house Banian and Vackeel to have noe wages but y^{e} Dustoor.

24th.—Hurry Churne the house Banian demanding 25 Rup^{s} ꝑ mensem wages as he formerly had beside the Dustoore, it was ordered that noe wages should be paid to him nor to the Vackeel but that they should be content with the usuall Dustoore of one anna upon 100 Rup^{s} that is Rup^{s} 1 : 9 Annas ꝑ Cent w^{ch} the Marchants doe allow upon the whole Investment, and it was ordered that y^{e} said Dustoor mony should be divided by the house Banian and the Vackeel, to the house Banian Hurry Churne $\frac{2}{3}$ Parts of the whole, he to find all writers of Acco^{tts}, to the Vackeel Moorte Ram $\frac{1}{3}$ Part of the whole, he to find or pay the Persian writer,

$\frac{2}{3}$ to the Banian.

$\frac{1}{3}$ to the Vackeel.

Ye outcry made of Mr. Edwards his goods.

The Outcry or Publicke Sale was made of Mr. Edwards his goods wch lasted from morning to night, and there was much left unsold he having more lumber then any man has been knowne to have of his quality or standing, and there was monys found scattered amongst his Papers and other things, here and there a little in Silver and Gold of severall Countrys, wch made it evident that he was a careless and a vaine man,—

The Sale of his goods this day amounted unto .	Rups 2,049 : 15 : 00
Silver, Mony and Plate	1,492 : 14 : 09
Gold Coyne, Buttons, &ca	964 : 13 : 00
Ye amott thereof.	Rups 4,507 : 10 : 09

Besides 4 Horses, 4 Chests Copper and many other things remaining to be sold, all which 'tis supposed will pay what he run out of the Companys Cash.

Mr. Byam and Hurry Churne examined about the want of the Compas Cash.

Mr. Byam and Hurry Churne were examined by ye Agent in presence of Mr. Mohun and Mr. Reade about the want of the Compas Cash in Mr. Edwards his hands, and it could not apeare otherwise then as before Mr. Byam &ca advised to Hugly, the Cash being made up by mony borrowed when the Agent was here, and returned after he went hence to Hugly.

Merza Woolly visited the Agent.

Thursday the 25th.—In the Evening Merza Woolly the Deputy Governour of the Towne for Mellick Cossum came to the Factory to give ye Agent a visit, at which time he was very importunate for a horse of Mr. Edwards his for Mellick Cossum, but he was told that it was intended a Present to the Nabob Shasta Chaun, and therefore could not be spared, however he would needs have him brought to look on, being an excellent fine Horse.

Ye Marchants came to returne 2 parcells of Gold overplus

not accepted.

The Marchants brought two parcells of Gold to ye Agent to returne as part of what they had received overplus upon the Investment, pretending that the men to whose share those two parcells fell had brought in noe goods, and therefore they returned the Gold sealed, but it was not accepted, they being to repay what they had received overplus in Rupees.

Merza Woolly to be presented.

The Marchants intimating that Merza Woolly expected a Piscash, it was thought fit not wholy to deny him, therefore Mr. Byam was ordered to present him to the vallue of about 250 Rups in Broad Cloth &ca, and that the Buxy should have his usuall annuall Present he pretending to have received nothing for two years.

Mr Hall & Mr Nurse deny to give Bond to repair to Madrass.

Mr. Joseph Hall and Mr. Valentine Nurse, being at Ballasore and upon the Agents demand denying to give Bond to repair to Madrass, to live under the Company's government, Mr. Byam was ordered that neither Mr. Hall nor Mr. Nurse nor any others that were not in the Honble Compas Service and had noe Pass as Inhabitants under the Company's government should have any lodging or any other accommodation in the Factory or otherwise favoured then is ordered in the Consultation at Hugly the 26th September last.

Mr. Byam to see the Division of the Dustoor.

Mr. Byam was alsoe ordered to observe the orders about the Division of the Dustoor to the house Banian and the Vackeel as apointed the 24th Instant and to pay them no wages.

Mr. Byam to make note of these orders in the Diary.

And in reguard there was not leasure & oportunity to draw up these orders in formall Consultations in writeing Mr. Byam was ordered to make note of them in the Diary of the Factory.

Y^{e} Agent &^{c} left Ballasore.

26th.—Early in the Morning the Agent &^{ca} left Ballasore and returned by land to the Rivers Mouth the Marchants accompanying him thither, where he tooke boat, & went on board the *Golden Fleece* ariving there afternoone.

Y^{e} *Rosa Marina* arrived with Mr. Hervy & Mr. Bugden.

The *Rosa Marina* arived last night we found none aboard of the *George* delivering her lading, upon her came Mr. Hervy and Mr. Budgen from Hugly.

Letters & Dispatches drawne up.

Letters were drawne up and alsoe the Dispatches for the Commanders of the *Golden Fleece* and the *George* as followeth :—

To the WORP^{LL} MATTHIAS VINCENT, Chief, &^{ca} Councell in Hugly.

Arived here & went ashoare.

Made sale of Mr. Edwards his goods.

y^{e} remaines to be sent to Hugly to be sold.

It pleased God to arive us here in safety the 21th & 22th Instant, the 23th we went ashoare to the Factory at Ballasore, the 24th we caused a publicke Sale to be made of Mr. Edwards his goods, w^{ch} with Plate, Gold and odd peeces of mony found too and fro amounts unto Rup^{s} 4,507 : 10 : 9, and there is 4 horses and severall other goods yet remaining to be sold, w^{ch} we have ordered to be sent to Hugly for you to make sale of there in regard we could not stay to doe it here the yeare being far spent, but we suppose there may be sufficient to make good y^{e} Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} Cash that was wanting at his decease.

Y^{e} Marchts Accotts enquired into, they have Rup^{s} 10,59 7 : 6 : 9 overplus.

The same day we went ashoare we enquired into y^{e} Marchants Acco^{tts} and had them drawne out, upon w^{ch} it appears that there is Rup^{s} 10,597 : 06 : 09 that they have received more then the goods they have delivered doe amount unto, w^{ch} sume they are to repay, soe there is noe such urgent occasion for a supply of mony here, as was advised by Mr. Byam &^{ca}.

Chimcham examined about the 4,000 Rup^{s} paid Mr. Bugden.

Cowull charges 500 Rup^{s} to Mr. Clavell and 500 to Mr. Bugden.

to receive it of Mr. Bugden and Mr. Clavells Overseers.

We have examined Chimcham about the 4,000 Rup^{s} paid Mr. Bugden the 10th Jan^{ry} 1677 and he undertakes to prove it, if Mr. Bugden stands in the denyall, Allsoe we have examined Cowull about the 1,000 Rup^{s} not charged to his Acco^{tt} in Ballasore, who ownes y^{e} receipt thereof, and charges 500 Rup^{s} paid to Mr. Bugden, and 500 Rup^{s} paid to Mr. Clavell w^{ch} alsoe hath not been entered to his Credit in the Ballasore Bookes, y^{e} 500 Rup^{s} paid to Mr. Bugden his owne Servants doe witness being present at the payment and he does not deny it, for you will find it in both his Cash Bookes, in one where y^{e} Cash has Credit 1,000 'tis Debtor 500 Rup^{s}, and in the other Booke 'tis Credited only 500 Rupees, Therefore we do order you to receive the said 500 Rup^{s} of Mr. Bugden, and to demand the other 500 Rup^{s} of Mr. Clavells Overseers that this Acco^{tt} may be cleared.

Y^{e} Marchts offer about providing Romalls.

The Marchants here have offered to provide Casharee Romalls at 5 Rup^{s} ꝑ peece that last yeare were bought at 5½ Rup^{s} and Rhadnagur Romalls, they will undertake at 4½ Rup^{s} per peece which cost Rup^{s} 4⅝ this yeare, we desire you to consider of this offer, and if it be cheaper then you can gett them undertaken by others to imploy these.

to haste away the *Success* with Inovices, Bookes and Papers, and List of goods laden upon Freight.

We intreat you to hasten away the *Success*, and not to forget the Invoices, Bookes and Papers to be sent home and for the Fort, alsoe the list of goods laden hence upon Freight to the Coast, in the order for such goods to be rece^{d} aboard the Ships you should mention the Freight paid, w^{ch} is now omitted in the orders, we intend God willing to saile this night, and having not further to add we remain

One of the *Golden Fleeces* Bills lading we take with us, the other two are delivered to M^{r}. Thredder.

Your affectionate friends,

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
RICHARD MOHUN.

ON BOARD SHIP *GOLDEN FLEECE*,
Decemb^{r} 26th 1679.

MR. JOHN BYAM, &^{ca}.

M^{r}. Edwards his four horses to be sent Hugly.
Y^{e} Dear and 4 Chests Copper to sell at y^{e} Bazar price and the rest send to Hugly upon y^{e} *Lilly*.

The four horses belonging to M^{r}. Edwards Deceased you are to send to Hugly by land under charge of some carefull fellows, the Dear and four Chests Copper you may sell at the Bazar price in Ballasore, and all the Rest of his things send up to Hugly upon the *Lilly* at her next goeing well packed and sealed there to be sold at Publicke Sale, the inclosed pray forward as directed from

Send the accompanying letters to Hugly ꝑ *Express.*

The 500 Rup^{s} w^{ch} Cowull paid to M Bugden he promised to pay to you as soone as he comes ashoare and is satisfied about it.

Your loving friends,

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
RICHARD MOHUN.

ON BOARD SHIP *GOLDEN FLEECE*,
Decemb^{r} 26th 1679.

Madapollam, Sunday, the 11th January 1679.

AT A CONSULTATION, PRESENT:
STREYNSHAM MASTER, ESQ^{re}, *Agent.*
MR. RICHARD MOHUN.
MR. JOHN FIELD.

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Two Boates to be built for the Bay.

It is ordered that two Boates about 20 tons apeece be built at this Place to be sent downe by the Europe Ships the next year for the carrying off of the goods at Ballasore Factory and other Services there in the Bay.

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STREYNSHAM MASTER.
RICHARD MOHUN.
JOHN FIELD.

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Regulations for the better ordering of the Company's affairs in the Bay of Bengal.

At a Consultation.

Hugly, Friday, 12th December 1679.

PRESENT:

STREYNSHAM MASTER, *Esqr.*, *Agent*,
MR. MATTHIAS VINCENT,
MR. RICHARD MOHUN.

Regulations.

For the better Regulating the affairs of the Hono^{ble} Company in the Bay of Bengala, that the same may be managed in good order and method in the Respective ffactorys:

It is Resolved and Ordered—

Receipt Booke.

That the Chief of each Respective ffactory keepe a Receipt Booke wherein he shall take Receipts for all moneys paid or Issued out, and shall alsoe Pass Receipts for all moneys received upon the Company's Acco$^{tt.}$

Accott. Cash.

Whereas it was ordered in the Regulation made the 3rd November 1676, at Cassimbazar, That the Bills and Attestation for moneys paid out of Cash should be read and passed in Councell every weeke and noted in the Consultation Bookes. In reguard the Acco$^{tt.}$ Cash is since ordered to be entered at the end of every month's Diary. It is thought best and ordered that the Acco^{tt} of Cash be read and passed in Councell the next Councell day, that is upon the next Munday or Thursday after the last day of every month, and the same of the Ballance or Rest of the Cash sett down in every such Consultation.

Hugly accott. by the Subordinate ffactory.

And whereas it was ordered in the aforesaid Regulations made at Cassumbazar, That in the Books of Acco$^{tt.}$ each ffactory should be charged with what was Immediately sent or received to or from thence, It is now ordered that for all moneys or Goods sent unto or received from one Subordinate ffactory to another, The Subordinate ffactorys shall charge and creditt Hugly Acco$^{tt.}$ Currant for the same. In reguard it is thought best and it is hereby ordered, That every Subordinate ffactory doe monthly at the end of their Diary and Acco$^{tt.}$ Cash enter the Acco$^{tt.}$ of what they have in that month received from or sent unto Hugley or any other ffactory, in a Leger Account intitlled Hugly Acco$^{tt.}$ Currant, carrying the foot or Rest of the said Acco$^{tt.}$ from one Acco$^{tt.}$ to the other monthly, and if the Chief and Councell at Hugly doe find that the Acco$^{tt.}$ from the ffactorys doe not agree with the Hugly Booke, then they are to advise thereof, and to send the copy of the said ffactory's Acco$^{tt.}$ as it stands in Hugly Bookes, and the Chief, &c., at Hugly are to enter their Acco$^{tt.}$ of cash and the Acco$^{tt.}$ Currant Fort St. George, at the end of their Diary, which they are to send to the Agent and Councell twice in the yeare.

Inward Colums.

Colums ruled with Red Inke for the quantitys of all goods and Treasure, the number of parcells and the weight shall be kept in the ledgers, cast up and Ballance as exactly as the outward colum for money, and in Hugly Ledger there shall be a colum for Pogadaes and the *s. d.* in the Acco$^{tt.}$ of Fort St. George.

Penalty for not passing accott. monthly.

And whereas there is an order that the bookes of Accompt$^{r.}$ shall be read and passed in Councell monthly: It is hereby ordered that if the bookes of

Acco$^{tt.}$ the Warehouse Acco$^{tt.}$ and the charges Cratt. for one month be not Read and passed in Councell in the next month following, the Chief of each ffactory shall note the reason thereof in the diary, and the Person who shall be defective therein shall for the first offence be admonished, for the second forfeit a quarter's salary, and for the third be suspended the Service.

Penalty for not Ballancing Bookes.

And whereas the Bookes of Acco$^{tt.}$ are ordered to be Ballanced the 30th Aprill yearly, if the Second of any ffactory shall not have ballanced the Bookes of Acco$^{tt.}$ of the ffactory where he keeps the same, and send the Ballance thereof to Hugly by the 31st of May yearly, he shall forfeit a quarter of a yeare's Salary for such his default, and if the same be not done by the 30th of June, he shall forfeit half a yeare's salary, and if not done by the last day of July, he shall be suspended the Hono^{ble} Company's service; and if the Second at Hugly shall not have ballanced the Cratt. bookes there within one month after all the Ballances of the Bookes of the subordinate ffactorys are sent thither, he shall forfeit a quarter of a yeare's salary for such his default, and if they be not ballanced within two months after, he shall forfeit half a year's salary, and if not in three months, he shall be suspended the Hono^{ble} Company's service.

And the Chief and Councell of the Bay are hereby required and impowered to put these orders in execution, advising thereof to the Agent and Councell, and following such further Directions they shall receive from them concerning the same.

Colums in Charges Generall Books.

In the Charges Generall Bookes at the end of every month the heads and totalls of the severall charges are to be set downe and sum'd up; and at the end of the Bookes to make Tables with Colums for the severall heads or titles used in the ffactory bookes sum'd up for the 14th months, that the whole yeare's expence may apeare together and be the more readily compared with the ffactory Bookes.

Remaines to agree with the Bookes.

At the Ballancing of the Bookes of Acco$^{tt.}$ the chiefs of the respective ffactorys are to examine and see that the Remaines in specie doe agree with the bookes of the ffactory, and with the Cash Booke and Warehouse Bookes, and that the debts and credits be adjusted with the Persons themselves concerned therein.

What used out of the Warehouse to be paid for.

If any Persons in the Company's service doe make use of any goods as Broad cloth, stuffs, &c., in the Warehouse, it shall not be charged to their Acco$^{tt.}$ in the Bookes; but they shall pay for the same in ready money to the Warehouse-keeper, who is every month to pay the said money into cash in the chief's custody.

Acco$^{tt.}$ Salary.

The Acco$^{tt.}$ Salary is thus to be stated, every Person in the ffactory where he resides is to be credited for his full salary by salary generall, he shall be paid twice in the yeare that is at Lady Day and at Michaellmas Day in equall halves what is to be paid by the Hono$^{ble.}$ Company's Order, then he shall be made debter to Salary payable in England for what is short paid here, to be paid there, the acco$^{tt.}$ of salary generall is to be cleared by Charges Generall, and salary payable in England by Acco$^{tt.}$ currant.

Durbar and Port Charges.

In the Hugly bookes an Acco$^{tt.}$ must be framed intitaled Durbar and port charges, to w$^{ch.}$ acco$^{tt.}$ shall be charged the Durbar charges of Decca, the charges of the sloopes, and the extra ordinary charge of Hugly in respect tis the head ffactory for governing the rest, for which Durbar and Port charges shall be made D$^{r.}$ to Charges Generall such a sume as the charge of Hugly exceeds the charge of Cassimbazar or Ballasore ffactory or thereabouts, and this Durbar and Port charges shall be put upon all the goods provided in all the ffactorys at soe much ꝑ cent. in the Invoices (besides the ffactory charges) for which Durbar and Port charges shall be credited in the bookes, and the ffoot of the Acco$^{tt.}$ shall be cleared by Proffitt and Loss as is the ffoot of Charges Cratt:

Letters of Subord$^{te.}$ ffactorys.

The copys of all Cratt: Letters from one subordinate ffactory to another shall be sent to Hugly to be entered in the copy bookes to be kept there and sent for England and the ffort, and in writing of letters it is to be observed to mention the day upon which the letters are received.

Letters from the Comp$^{a.}$ and the ffort.

The letters from the Hono$^{ble.}$ Company and alsoe the letters from the Agent and Councell shall (as soone as they can be copyed) be sent to all the ffactorys for their perusall and better understanding the Company's business, and the said letter with all other writings received from and sent unto England and the ffort shall be copyed into bookes and kept in the Registers at Hugly.

An Office.

In every one of the subordinate ffactorys there shall be a handsome convenient Roome, large, light and well seituated near the Chiefs and the seconds lodgings which shall be sett apart for the office and never diverted from that use, in which Roome shall be placed Desks or Tables to write upon, and Presses with locks and keys wherein the Registers of the Letters, the acco$^{tt.}$ and all other writings of the ffactory shall be locked up and kept; which upon the Remove of the Chiefs are to be delivered over by a roll or list to the succeeding Chiefs, that none may be Imbazled, and at Hugly the said lists are to be kept by the second in the Accomptant's Office, and by the Secretary in the Secretary's Office.

Publike Table.

A Publike Table shall be kept as the Hono$^{ble.}$ Company have apointed, at which all single persons of the ffactory are to dyett, and noe dyett mony shall be allowed to Single Persons, only to those that are maryed, and doe desire to dyett apart. Dyett mony is to be paid as the Company have apointed, and the steward for the charge of the table at Hugly and at Cassumbazar shall be the Imployment of one of the young men, a writer or ffactor, by which they may gaine experience, and the third in the other ffactorys is to take charge thereof as apointed in Cassumbazar in November 1676.

Frugality.

As to the expence of the table and all other charges, the Chiefs of the ffactorys are to take due care to order the same in the most frugal manner that can be, that no extravigance be practiced, and noe more Peons or Servants kept then is necessary for the dispatch of the Company's business; and whereas the Hon'$^{ble.}$ Company in the 14th section of their letter of the 3rd January 167$\frac{8}{9}$ doe order an Establishment of charges to be settled in every one of the ffactorys, which tho' it cannot be perfectly done, yet soe far as it can be done conveniently we doe and apoint as followeth.

Allowances.

At Hugly servants' wages for the Chief, Rupees 14 ℘ mensem.

For the Second	8
For the Minister	6
For the 3rd of Councell	5
For the 4th of Councell	5
For the Chyrurgeon	4
For the Secretary	2
For the Stewards	2

Two Pallankeens, one for the Chief, the other for the second.

Seven Horses, 2 Camells, none of which are to be sent by any but the Chief; Gurrialls, Cookes, Mussalls, Washing, Dogkeeper.

Barber, &c., servants as usual.

At the subordinate ffactory.

Servants' wages for the Chiefs Rupees 6 ℘ mensem.

For the seconds	4
For the thirds	3
Charges Generall Keeper	4 at Cassumbazar only.

A pallankeen for the Chief.
Three Horses not to be sent out by the Chiefs.
Three Gurrialls.
One Cooke and a Mate.
Two Mussalches.
For Barber, Rupees 4 a month.
For washing what it costs for all the ffactory.
Noe Dogkeeper nor dogs at the Company's charge.
Noe candles nor beetle to be allowed as hath been used under the denomination of settlement charges.

Candles are allowed only to the Chiefs and to those of the Councell in the respective ffactorys, to the Chaplaine and to the Chyrurgeon.

Lamps are allowed to every chamber.

Chiefs removing.

Noe Chief of a subordinate ffactory is to remove from thence to any other ffactory without leave first had from the Chief and Councell of the Bay under the penaltys which the Hono$^{ble.}$ Company have apointed, and when any Chief does remove from the ffactory he shall first see that the Y^{e} Books of Acco^{tt} be brought up to the Day, that the remaines of the Warehouse and other acco$^{tt.}$ agree with the Bookes, and the rest of cash he is to deliver up to the second and third, and if those things be not done, he is not to remove (wither the Chief of Hugly, nor of a subordinate ffactory notwithstanding the license from the Chief and Councell of the Bay) upon paine of being suspended the Hono$^{ble.}$ Company's service; and when upon the removall of a Chief to another ffactory there is occasion of having orders in the business of the ffactory, the said Orders and Directions shall be made in consultation, and not of the Chief's single authority.

To order investment.

The Chief and Councell at Hugly must apoint the Investments to each ffactory; and sum'd up the whole together in one Consultation every year, that it may apear how and where the severall goods are to be provide which the Hono$^{ble.}$ Company doe enorder.

To Contract upon Musters.

The price of all goods provided for the Hono$^{ble.}$ Company shall be agreed upon by Musters, and the goods sorted by those Musters; and in such ffactory where there is noe mony to give it upon dadanee or imprest upon goods, there y^{e} Chief and Councell shall take care to agree with the marchants for such goods (or some part of them) as the Hono$^{ble.}$ Company require, in the months of February, March or Aprill; and that mony shall be paid upon bringing in the goods in September or October following.

¼ ℘ cent. abatement on mony paid.

And in reguard the Company's Treasure is long time converting into currant mony, soe that they are at the charge of interest for mony taken up to carry on their Investments, therefore tis thought fit and order to be observed in all the ffactorys, that upon all Peet or currant rupees which shall be paid to the marchants upon the investments on dadanee or afterward, they shall allow 1¼ ℘ cent. upon sicca rupee, were less then 2 ℘ cent, and as much more as the Batta shall hereafter rise above one ℘ cent, and upon gold mohurs two annas and a half a peece more then the bazar rate.

* Rate of Ryalls 8 and of Pistolls at Ballasore.

Whereas there is a contract made by the Agent and Councell with Chitternmullean at Cassumbazar, for all the silver and gold which shall be sent to be sold in that ffactory; and there is a contract made with Chimchamsaw and Chintamundsaw at Ballasore by the Agent and Councell that they shall be paid the full mony for that investment in Treasure one month after the arrivall of the English ships, but at noe certaine Rate for the treasure, therefore it is to be observed that the Ryalls 8 must be paid to Chimchamsaw, &c., at Ballasore not under 212 Rupees ℘ cent. Ryalls 8* and the gold pistolls not under two annas ℘ tola above the bazar rate for gold mohurs, and they allowing that rate the 1¼ ℘ cent. upon mony paid on the investment is not to be charged to them, in respect it will required a month's time or more to convert the treasure into mony.

Treasure to other ffactorys.

And notwithstanding the agreement with Chittermullsaw it will be convenient to try what more can be made of the Treasure in other ffactorys, as at Pattana, and at Maulda when that ffactory is settled, being near y$^{e.}$ mint at Rajamaul.

Batta on mony.

There being sometimes difference of one or two ℘ cent. between the mony of Cassumbazar, Hugly, and Ballasore, care is to be taken in Remiting mony by exchange or in spetie, and alsoe in payments in spetie, to allow the Company the batta that shall arise thereby in every one of y$^{e.}$ treasury.

Old Marchants.

And it is to be observed, to keepe the Company's old marchants imployed in providing their goods soe long as they doe well that the Hono$^{ble.}$ Company may upon enquiry be satisfied in their dealings, therefore noe old marchants shall be put out of imployment, nor any new man imployed without order in consultation, and the reasons exprest therein for soe doing; but if any old marchant faild of bringing in his goods in time, or not according to muster, he ought to be discharged.

Marchants' Account

And the marchants' acco$^{tt.}$ must be adjusted once a yeare without faild.

Old Servants.

The like to be observed in the house servants especially the Vackeels, Banians and Writers, that none of them be turned off or removed, nor new ones taken in without order of Councell signifying the reason for the dicharge, it being observed to be consequence to turne off old servants.

Dustoore to pay wages.

Vackeel at Dacca.

And the Vackeels, Banians, Mutsuddys,[*] Tagadgeers[†] and Podars[‡] shall from this time forward be allowed noe monthly wages, but they shall be content with the Dustoore of a quarter of an anna upon a rupee, which the marchants doe allow them; and they are not to take nor the marchants to allow any thing more upon pained of being discharged the imployment both the payer and the receiver, and y$^{e.}$ said Dustoore mony shall be divided by the Chief and Councell of the respective ffactorys to the said house Banians, Writers, Podars, Tagadgeers and Vackeels if they doe not agree it amongst themselves, except at Dacca where there being occasion of great expence for a Vackeel, the chief Vackeel there shall be allowed what the Chief and Councell of the Bay shall judge convenient, in case the Dustoore mony on that investment be not sufficient for his maintenance.

Salpetre.

Goods to be sent to Hugly.

The salpetre provided at Pattana is to be dryed before weighed off from the marchants and not taken moist with allowance for it; and it is to be sent downe as it comes in by three or four boates laden at a time, and not all kept to the last which hath proved very prejuditiall; the like is to be observed in sending the goods from other ffactorys, that all be not kept to the last, but sent away as soon as they are packed to prevent the ill consequences of a stop or any loss of time upon the despatch of the ships.

Packing stuff.

The packing stuff is in all the ffactorys to be bought at the cheapest hand with the company^{s} mony, the account thereof to be kept as apointed in the orders of 3rd November 1676; and neither the Warehouse-keepers nor any other is to have any advantage thereby.

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[*] Mutsuddy; mutasaddi; corruptly mutsuddy; mutseddy; muttaseddee, *H.*—A writer; a clerk.—Wilson's Glossary of Indian terms.

[†] Tagadgeer; tagada-dar, or tagadagir, *Mar.*—An officer under the Maratha Government appointed to enforce the demands of the State against defaulting cultivators: in Hindustan a takaza or takaz-gir implies a person appointed by a capitalist to collect debts due to him.

Tagád-dár; tagádi khor, *Karn.*—A dun; a creditor who is urgent for payment.—*Ibid.*

[‡] Podar; potadár; commonly potdár; corruptly podár and poshdár, *Mar* (see Fotadár).—A money-changer; a weigher and assayer of coins; he is also the village silvermith; in Karnat is written pottadddár pottá and potari, and is said to mean an inferior sort of money-changer, one in a hamlet.—*Ibid.*

Ticketts in Bales.

The Ticketts put into the Bales by the Warehouse-keepers are to be attested by such persons as are in the ffactorys that can be spared to see that the quantity therein packed be according to the Tickett.

Sloopes with Treasure.

The Sloopes and Vessells which bring up the Treasure from the ships are to be ordered not to saile in the River in the night time when there is Treasure aboard of them.

Orders for Civil Government.

It being necessary to settle and apoint orders for the Civil Government of the ffactorys a Paper of orders such as are made at the ffort to be observed by persons in civil imployments there, is now with some alterations agreed upon as entered thereunder, and order to be observed in all the ffactorys in the Bay under the paines and penaltys therein expressed, which orders signed by the Agent and Councell are to be sent to the respective ffactorys, entred in the Consultation Bookes, and affixed up in the offices there and in the Chapell there.

Places and imployments settled.

The places, stations and imployments of all the Hono$^{ble.}$ Company's servants in the severall ffactorys in the Bay being debated is agreed upon and ordered as in the list to be entered hereunder; and every person that is not now in the imployment as is therein apointed is to be ordered to remove and take charge of the same immediately after the departure of the ships and within the month of January next.

These orders to be sent to the sub-ffactorys,

and there registered.

These Regulations and Orders are to be copyed and sent to the respective ffactorys for their punctuall observation and compliance therewith, and it is to be observed that these orders are not intended to invalidate those regulations made at Cassumbazar in November 1676, otherwise then as is expressed therein, and those orders (with those made at Cassumbazar, 1676, if not already done) are to entered in the Diary of the respective factorys.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
RICHARD MOHUN.

A list of the Hon'ble Company's Servants as setteled by the Agent and Councell in the Bay.

A List of the Hon'ble Company's Servants in the Bay of Bengale, apointed and ordered by the Agent and Councell to the Places and Imployments as is here undermentioned.

	Arrivall in India.	Present Degree.	Present Salary.
			£
1st.—Matthias Vincent, Chief of the Bay at Hugly, came out a ffactor at 20l. per annum, his salary made 35*l.* per annum, 1668.	August 1st, 1662	Senior Marchant, 1670.	40
2nd.—Mr. Job Charnock, Second at Hugly, arrived in India 1656. Entertained in Y^{e} Company's Service 30th September 1658 at 20*l.* per annum.	September 30th, 1658.	Senior Marchant, 1666.	40
3rd.—Mr. Edward Littleton, Chief of Cassumbazar, came out a ffactor at 25*l.* per annum.	July 18th, 1671.	Senior Marchant, 1679.	40
4th.—Mr. Samuell Hervy, Chief at Decca, came out a ffactor at 25*l.* per annum.	August 15th, 1671.	Senior Marchant, 1679.	40

	Arrivall in India.	Present Degree.	Present Salary.
			£
5th.—Mr. George Peacock, Chief of Pattana, came out a writer at 10*l.* per annum.	September 8th, 1668.	Senior Marchant, 1679.	40
6th.—Mr. Fitche Nedham, Chief of Maulda, came out to the Agency of Bantam for Japan, 1672, a ffactor at 20*l.* per annum.	1672	Marchant, 1677	30
7th.—Mr. John Byam, Chief at Ballasore, came out a writer, 10*l.* per annum.	August 19th, 1671.	Marchant, 1679	30
8th.—Mr. John Evance, Chaplaine, came out for the Bay.	June 23rd, 1678	Chaplaine	100
9th.—Mr. John Thomas, third, at Hugly, came out an Apprentice at 5*l.* per annum.	September 10th, 1668.	Marchant, 1679	30
10th.—Mr. Francis Ellis, fourth, at Hugly, came out a writer at 10*l.* per annum.	June 23rd, 1672	Factor, 1677	20
11th.—Mr. Robert Dowglass, Chyrurgeon, came out in the *Eagle* and changed place for the Bay.	December 16th, 1676.	Chyrurgeon	36
12th.—Richard Trenchfield, second, at Maulda, came out a writer at 10*l.* per annum.	June 23rd, 1672	Factor, 1677	20
13th.—John Scattergood, second, at Ballasore, came out a writer at 10*l.* per annum.	June 26th, 1673	Factor, 1678	20
14th.—Jeremy Peachy, second, at Pattana, came out a writer at 10*l.* per annum.	June 27th, 1673	Factor, 1678	20
15th.—Allen Catchpole, second, at Cassumbazar, came out a writer at 10*l.* per annum.	June 27th, 1673	Factor, 1678	20
16th.—John Pounsett, second, at Decca, came out a writer to the Presidency of Surratt at 10*l.* per annum.	June 27th, 1673	Factor, 1678	20
17th.—Thomas Bromley, third, at Balasore, came out an apprentice arived.	July 14th, 1671	Factor, 1679	20
18th.—Charles Eyres, third, at Dacca, arived	June 28th, 1675	Writer	10
19th.—Jonathan Prickman, third at Maulda, arived.	June 28th, 1675	Writer	10
20th.—Samuell Meverell, third, at Pattana, arived.	June 23rd, 1675	Writer	10
21st.—John Threder, third, at Cassumbazar, arived.	June 24th, 1675	Writer	10
22nd.—Samuell Anthony, Charges Cratt. at Cassumbazar, arived.	June 24th, 1675	Writer	10
23rd.—Mathew Sheppard, Secretary, at Hugly, arived.	June 28th, 1675	Writer	10

	Arrivall in India.	Present Degree.	Present Salary.
			£
24th.—Robert Shermar, Steward at Hugly, arived.	June 23rd, 1678.	Writer . .	10
25th.—James Sowden, at Hugly in the office, arived.	July 2nd, 1678 .	Writer . .	10
26th.—Charles Cross, at Hugly, under the second, arived.	July 2nd, 1678 .	Writer . .	10
27th.—Thomas Hill, at Cassumbazar, in the office, arived.	July 2nd, 1678 .	Writer . .	10
29th.—John Haines, at Cassumbazar, in the office, arived.	June 23rd, 1678	Writer . .	10
28th.—William Talland, at Hugly, in y^e^ office, arived.	July 2nd, 1578 .	Writer . .	10

The Hon'ble Company Seall.

Orders made by us the Agent and Councell for affairs of the Hono^{ble} English East India Company upon the Coast of Chormandell and in the Bay of Bengale (for advancing the Glory of God, upholding the Honour of the English Nation, and the preventing of disorders), to be observed by all persons imployed in the said Hono^{ble} Companys Service in the Factorys in the Bay of Bengal.

Orders for Civil Government.

For as much as by persons of all professions the name of God ought to be hallowed, His service attended upon, and His blessing upon our endeavours sought by dayly prayers, as the quality, therefore, of our Place and Imployment requires, and in discharge of our duty both to God and man: First we doe Christianly admonish every one imployed in the Service of the Hono^{ble} English East India Company to abandon lying, swearing, cursing, drunkenness, uncleanness, prophanation of the Lord's Day, and all other sinfull practices, and not to be out of the house or from their lodgings late at night, nor absent from or neglect morning or evening prayers, or doe any other thing to the dishonour of Almighty God, the corruption of good manners or against the peace of the Government; but if any will not hear us admonishing them, we doe (by the virtue of the power derived to us from the Hono^{ble} Government, and Comp$^{a.}$ of Marchants of London tradeing into the East Indies and by authority of the King's Majesty's Royall Charter to them granted) order and apoint that whosoever shall be found guilty of the following offences shall undergoe the penaltys hereunto annexed.

1st.—Whosoever shall remain out of the house all night (without license from the Chief) or be found absent at the time of shuting the gates after 9 at night (without a reasonable excuse) shall pay ten rupees to the use of y^{e} Poore or sett one whole day publikely in the stocks.

2nd.—Whosoever shal profaine the name of God by swearing or cursing, he shall pay twelve pence to the use of y^{e} Poore for every oath or curse, and in case of non-payment after demand the said sume shall be levyed by distress and in defect of such distress the offender shall set in the stocks three hours.

3rd.—Whosoever shall be guilty of lying shall pay twelve pence for the Poore for every such offence.

4th.—Whosoever shall apeare to be drunk shall pay five shillings for the use of the Poore for every offence, and in case of non-payment after demand the said sume shall be levied by distress, and in defect of such distress the offender shall sett in the stocks six hours.

5th.—Whosoever Protestant that lodges within the house (wither actually in the Hono^{ble} Company's service or not) that shall be absent from the publike prayers morning and evening on the week days (without a lawful excuse) shall pay twelve pence for the Poore or be confined one whole weeke within the house for every such default; and whatsoever Christian in the Hono^{ble} Company's service shall absent from the publike prayers morning and evening on the Lord's Day (without a lawful excuse) shall pay twelve pence for the poore for every such default, and in case of non-payment after demand, said sume shall be levyed by distress and sale of the offender's goods, and in default of such distress the offender shall suffer imprisonment untill payment of said sume so forfeited by law.

6th.—If any by those penaltys will not be reclaimed from those vices, or if any shall be found guilty of adultery, fornication, uncleanness or any such crime or shall disturb the peace of the ffactory, by quarrelling or fighting and will not be reclaimed, he or they shall be sent to Fort St. George there to receive condigne punishment.

7th.—These Orders shall be read publikely to the ffactory twice in the yeare, that is upon the Sunday next after Christmas day, and upon the Sunday next after Midsummer day in the forenoone after Divine Service, that none may pretend ignorance thereof; and all persons concerned therein are hereby stricktly charged and commanded to give due observance and not contrary to the same upon paine of undergoing the penaltys apointed and suffiring further displeasure: In confirmation whereof we have hereunto set our hands and the Hono^{ble} Company's seale the 12th day of December Anno Domini 1679 and in the one and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of Our Soveraigne Lord Charles the Second, by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

One of the ffactors or writers shall be monthly apointed by the respective Chiefs to note and collect the forfeitures and to pay the same to the Chief who is every yeare to send to the Chief, &c., at Hugly, and they are to remit the whole collections every yeare to the Agent, &c., at the ffort there to be paid to the overseers of the poore.

STREYNSHAM MASTER.
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
RICHARD MOHUN.

G. I. C. P. O.—No. 198 F. D.—11-7-92.—500.—deS.

[*Public Despatch from England, Vol. 3, page 8.*]

London, 16th July 1680.

Our Agent's Council at Fort St. George.

Wee have by our Suratt shipps the ***Bengal Merchant, New London*** and ***Ann,*** which blessed be God arrived safe with us the 4th instant, received a
copy of your tenor written on of 17th July 1619, the original not
coming to hand, our Agent's letter from of the 12th November.
Wee shall not by this before we receive
your letter by our respected Court shipp answer to
those letters wee have received from you already but by which wee
of you Agents wee
have reason to approve and commend your our
affairs. Wee advise you that finding by four years'
experience lately in that wee have. in for the Diamond Trade
and by former year's experience in other methods that it is for the
benefit of your stock as well as of the Kingdom in general that an alteration should be made therein upon which wee have resolved upon very serious and frequent consideracōn of that matter to appropriate that trade solely to the United Joint Stock, in which notwithstanding we shall have and
your interview of our Agent, Councill and and also to the
and owners of shipping as that none of our servants how
by of the Trade, the you
a perfect.

That which you if this time
enough the buying up what
quantities of raw silke you can. That our shipping intended out the year may bring as large quantities thereof as can be procured. To which purpose wee have now writt to our Chief and Councill in the Bay, and that you goe on in all and other investments according to our former orders.

London, 5th of January 1680.

Our Agent, Governor and Council, at Fort St. George, *viz.*:—

WILLIAM GYFFORD, ESQ., *Agent and Governor.*
JOSEPH HYNMERS, *Second,*
JOHN BRIDOOR, *Third,*
THYMOTHY WILKES, *Fourth,* } *in Council.*
JOHN BIGRIG, *Fifth,*
ELIHU YALE, *Sixth,*

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14. We are in all your Lrds. (*letters*) troubled with long sections concerning the methods of succession, you make the doctrine more intricate then the text, and at last are shamefully contradictory to either of them, as you did in the case of our old and good servant Mr Job Charnock, who had the right indisputably of succession as you call it, besides our express order to be ,
a person that has served us faithfully never
as in under beene a for himself modest,
who therefore we are resolved shall your
Lrds. were plaine enough that he should be second
of the Bay in degrade and with or removall
his care and duty to our service
very well to the dispatching of ships, and
therefore ill and contrary to the duty and
that to disposess and honest man of the,

just reward of his by all right. We doo therefore requre our Agent Gyfford that upon your arrivall at the Fort you doo imediately dispatch hands with the contents of soo much of as concernes him at Pattana, ordering him therein expedition to settle our affairs there and leave them there in a regular and method and from thence presently repaire to Cassumbazar to take the remaines from Mr. Littleton and the possession of our factory, and affairs, as Chief at Cassumbazar, and Mr. Littleton, if he like it, doo proceed to be second at Hughley, and to have the place of third in the Bay. If he like not this, we give him leave to come home, although he be the person whome we have good thoughts of, as you may perceive by our last year's letter. But we will not be disobeyed by any that serves us.

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16. The orders you have made for regulating our factories in the Bay and other places we thinke it to be excellent and good forme, and order we know is needful in a business, but the life soule and successe of every affair consists in frugality fidelity care and diligence, and if you be not careful to hold all our servants to the performance of those orders, they will signifie nothing.

If any person, besides those six first named in the title or front of this letter, should be removed into the Councell, no such person (not named as aforesaid) shall have vote or suffrage therein after the arrivall of these shipps, or any other be removed into Councill (but in case of the decease of any of the six before named) without our own express order, notwithstanding we do direct and order you our Agent Gifford and Council, soo constituted as aforesaid, to Mr John Davis and Mr. Vincent Sayon to some of the Councills in the Bay or at upon the next vacancy or vacation. And if there should be occasion

the Bay at any time to be at

Fort St. George, he may take his place

but that is more

Honoris Gratia than for business

that neglecting to balance

and copie the books of accompts

fixed in which they

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be cured, if you

in the Bay, the 12th

of December

January last, which we

do hereby

Servants in the neglect of your execution of these. To which purpose, we shall send you six or eight adult persons this year, who shall reside at the Fort and be there versed in our business, and from thence shall be sent as occasion offers, and as you our Agent and Councell shall judge them fitting to be of inferiour Councell in the Bay, Mitchlipatam, and other places in the rooms of others deceased or displaced, who you shall find any of our servants to neglect their duties, our orders, or other orders made by you for our service.

19. Wee shall allow nothing to Mr Nurse or any such disorderly persons, and we expect you care to prevent their being in our houses or at our tables to be an ill example to others, or any charge to us.

20. We are informed that the delay of the dispatch of our shipps in the Bay and at Mitchlipatam was occationed by aboundance of private trade, that went and returned upon them. Wherefore for the future, wee doo enjoyne you absolutely to prohibit our Comanders from taking any kinde of goods to carrie from Fort St. George to Mitchlipatam, or the Bay, or any other place, or to bring any goods from thence, except for the Company, for wee value not those pittiful freights with respects to the speedy dispatch of our ships.

21. You guess at many our investments in the Bay, and probably there may be somewhat in each of them, but we assured that the great quantitie of private trade that went downe and up with Agent Master, was likewise no small hindrance, which we order to be avoided for the future, that we may have cause to continue that boundless indulgence we give to our servants to trade with their owne estates to all parts of India.

33. * * * * * *

Business as well as his owne and we hope our kindness to him in this question will cause him to exert his utmost diligence in our service and render himself in our opinions a diligent, faithfull and gratefull servant. Besides in regard you say the same goods may be provided at Maulda as at Decca, Wee do the rather incline to continue both factoryes, that wee may judge by the goods when they come home who serves us best in the price and quality of the goods, besides which wee have another advantage, that by the said two factories we can enlarge our investments in those kinde of comodityes to what degree wee please, whereas wee find by experience we pay for it in the qualitye of goods whatever price you accompt upon or agree for.

34. We take notice of Mr. Edward's death, and the vanity of life, and desire your further care to see the Company fully out of what he left behind him.

35. You give us a Relacõn at Length of the damages done by the tempest at Metchlepatam, and the demand of the merchants for an allowance in consideration of that damage, which you put off with good words, &c., but wee find to our loss that did not serve their turn through the nelect of our Store-keeper or Sortor, for in the quality of the goods they have sufficiently reprived themselves for that losse.

36. Wee observe what you say in excess of Longcloth, Sallampoores, &c., sent by the Dywan to Bantam, and notwithstanding all that is alleadged, wee have yet too much cause to fear there was an abuse in that sortment, the rather because wee see the same with our owne eeyes in the like goods received from your place this year, and wee have noo cause to think that those Bantam should be better but rather worse, wherefore wee do desire that our Agent Gyfford and all others of the Councell, as their other business will give leisure, would looke into the good ones, and inspect the sortment of our goods which is the maine thing on which our business depends as much as upon the contract itselfe.

37. Your frequent complaints, and we believe just ones, of the medicaments sent from hence hath caused us to put by all that served us so ill formerly, and to order the buying of other men this year, by means whereof we hope you will be better supplied.

38. Wee now having answered all the materiall paragraphs of your said letter except two or three that wee reserve for further consideracõn we shall proceed to other matters, and being resolved upon larger Investments in silk then you have yet made us, notwithstanding our urgent and frequent demands, which we did hope our late Agent Master would have thoroughly effected, when he put us upon the charge of a voyage so farr as Cassumbazar, wee doo now send a large stock for that purpose, and doo write effectually to Mr. Charnock to put our orders concerning that comodity in effectuall execution which wee would have you inculcate to him and our Councill there.

39. We are likewise informed by M^r Read that great quantities of raw silk may be bought in and about Hughly and Ballasore though not altogether so cheape as at Cassumbazar, yet in regard what silk wee buy at either
will not raise the price of our Investment in the comodity at wee
would have you order the value
place the
our information may
therein at Hughly
being at Ballasoor,

40. In regard wee find upon reading of your Consultation book that severall sorts of Bay goods usually proved at Hughly may as well be bought at Ballasoare, and in regard wee designe a great inlargement of our Investments in the Bay, as

alsoe for the reason before given in another like case, *viz.*, that wee may see how from whence wee have the best as well as the cheapest goods. We would have you imediatly to give order for the contracting for and provideing of the value of 6 or 8,000 worth of such sorts of goods as may be had there for the particulars whereof we referr you to the list herewith sent and any other new sorts that are pleasant to the eye, strong and cheap.

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42. Wee now send you an able Book-keeper as most this city affords of his years to be Book-keeper generall of the Bay, and to reside at Hughly at the salary of £40 annum, but not to be of the Councill there or elsewhere in the Bay, because those Councills are full, and wee will not disturb the order they are in already, but inasmuch as the keeping of such small books is not employment enough for soe ready a Penman, Wee have ordered the said Book-keeper Mr. Mountage to doo any other service, as writing out of invoices, or to doo any other business whatsoever that the Chiefe and Councill there shall put him upon, and neverthelesse wee doe expect the charge of seeing the acco^{ts} duly entered and sent to the head factory shall rest upon the Second as formerly, through wee doe afford such an.

to that factory in regard it soe much concerns us to

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44. The not sending us the Bay letters, invoyces, &c., by this yeare's shipping gives us too great confirmacõn of what wee have heard that they were overmuch crowded and encombred with the burden of private trade, and the framing Co-partnerships, endentures, &c., which wee hope you will take care to prevent the damage of hereafter at that season of the yeare when our shipps are there, at other time when it may not hurt us, wee wish our servants as good success in trading with their owne stockes they can desire, but if they trade with ours they shall be forthwith dismissed the service.

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46. With this you will receive our generall list of goods to be provided at all places within your agency, in the composing whereof wee found ourselves at a great loss for want of the Bay invoyces, and were forced to supply that defect as well as we could by conjectures and the account of our sales here of which we have given Agent Gyfford one copy and sent another to Mr. Vincent for your and his Government; you will see by the list that wee have given you and him great liberty to enlarge in the new sorts of goods of which we had musters this year, and if there be (as we know there are) many other kinds of which wee never had samples in England which you may reasonably conjecture will turn to accompt, you may send us 6 or 8 bailes of each sort for the inlargement of our Investment and making our retournes, and tonnage compleat.

47. The shipps wee designe for the Coast and Bay this year are the *Bangal Merchant* Captain John Goldesbrough burden 570 tonns. The *Golden Fleece* Captain James Cook, burden 565 tons, the *George*, Captain Nehemiah, earning burden 570 tons; the *Cesar*, Captain Jonathan Andrewes, burden 530 tons, and the *Ann*, Captain Leonard Browne, burden 460 tons, whereof the *George* and *Ann* we intend shall sail directly for the Bay as soon as they come off the Cape of Good Hope that they may have their money there in due time.

48. Our late Agent Master his taking his whole salary and gratuity in India was such a barefaced presumption as we have never mett with the like. Sir William Langhorne had some colour for his doing it, *viz.*, his having left in our hands above the value of his whole gratuity and halfe sallary being his
money for dyamonds, so that we do require the said Mr. Mastor
to back the said whole gratuity and halfe sallary by him extraordinarily
charged be satisfied for the same with East
India Interest, as we ordered in the Sir William Langhorne.

49. We observe in our late Agent Master's progress to the Bay that he often took in some of those which he acco^{ts} as senior merchants to be of the extraordinary Councill (as he calls it) which is a practice wee doe not like

nor will permitt in any case for the future, which wee would have you to observe, and notwithstanding anything wee have formerly writ or any rules formerly made, or the construction of them, oure express order is that noe person be added to any of our Councills without our owne order except onely in the case of death or removall, and in such case the person soe added to be onely accounted as probationall till he be confirmed by ourselves.

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53. Our late Agent ordered much building in Cassumbuzar and other places where he went downe into the Bay last, as we suppose more than was necessary, we do therefore recomend it to your care soe farr as you can to prevent any superfluous buildings which you shall come time enough to hinder either at Fort St. George or elsewhere, and in all places retrench our charge as much as possibly you can.

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55. Wee have said before that wee did approve and ratified the orders made by oure late Agent Master at his being in the Bay, but wee observe in the settlement at Hughly, page 328, that he orders no new marchants to be imployed without order in Consultacõn, and the reasons expressed therein, which whole passage is unpleasing to us, for we would have new men imployed and incouraged when any such being responsible persons shall prevent, and for the quallifieing words, *viz.*, without order in Consultation, &c., wee looke upon them as superfluous in that case for that our constant minde and thing in our affairs should be done by Consultacõn whether it merchants or new ones, or any other matter.

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57. Wee have mencôed before our Resolution to have noe goods sent or returned by our ships to or from the Bay, but our owne goods, and although we are not willing to withdraw that liberty of trade we have given our servants in India soe long as it is used with any kind of moderacõn, yet we doe absolutely forbidd the imploying any of our sloopes, budgrowes, or other vessels upon any businesse except our owne, and that the loading of any goods upon any of our said vessels, except the Company's owne goods, as also the using the least part of our stock or money in your owne trades, wee shall looke upon an inexpiable crime which we will never pardon in the least of our servants, and we have given absolute order to all the comanders take in noe goods upon any private account: another caution we must likewise enjoyne you to be observed of which is, that you doe not deale in any of the comodities which usually the Company write for for Europe, until such time as the Company's shipps are dispatched for Europe: this caution is grounded upon an informacõn we have lately had that a private trade shipp was dispatched from Cassumbazar last year with 100 or 150 bales of silk, which was one great cause why our Silk Investment last year fell so exceedingly short of what was ordered by us.

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73. * * * * * * * * * * * *

Shipps there any longer time than to take the said treasure on shore for feare of hazarding her voyage downe into the Bay, and upon the returne of these shipps from the Bay, that wee may not runn that hazard by their long stay on the Coast as we did by our last year's shipping, we doe order you first dispatch from the Bay the ship *Golden Fleece* enordering her to touch at Metchlepatam and off Maddapollam to take in what goods shall be in readiness there, and that next the shipps the *George* and the *Cesar* be dispatched from the Bay directly for the Fort, and that the shipp *Bengall Merchant,* which is the last shipp we intend shall come from the Bay, touching along the Coast that you doe enorder her to touch at Metchlepatam or Madapollam (or both of these places if there shall be occasion) to take in the full remainder of what goods shall be intended for England, and with all expedition to proceed to the Fort to be dispatched with the other three shipps from thence in company to St. Hellena, and for the last of the five shipps the *Ann* we doe enorder her to be last of all dispatched from the Bay and from thence fully laden and then dispatched directly for St. Hellena to meet there with the other four shipps which are to come from the Fort still observing in all the shipps that shall be dispeeded from the Bay touching at Metchlepatam and the Fort that no goods be laden for private accounts on any of them whereby loading and unloading of them our ships may be detarded in their quick dispatch from the Coast, to the endangering of loosing their homeward bound voyage. This is intended in case by the blessing of God these ships shall all arrive in due time at their designed ports, but if any accident should happen to any of them in their outward bound voyage or Bay of Bengal, soe that any of them should not be ready in due time to come from their designed port in India, then we leave it to you soe to order it as may best for our service.

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81. Upon the arrival of these ships with you at the Fort, you are to make a calculacōn of what goods and the quantity of tonage they will amount, so that you can provide then against the return of the ships from the Bay, and the like order you are to give to them at Metchlepatam and Medapolam, and that both your and their calculations be sent down to our Chief in the Bay for their regulacōns in filling up the tonage of the ships by knowing what quantity you can provide on the Coast, and wee would have you give order to our Chief, &c., in the Bay that they doe also after the arrival of the ships with them send you an estimate of what tonage they can provide in all the factories in the Bay, which we hope will fully complete a tonage of all our ships besides a stock of salt petre to remain for the ensuing years.

82. You are to make up the stock for the Bay (with the two ships you get directly thither) in all to 150,000£. Wee order also that you send in mony and goods to Metchlepatam the amount of 70,000£ and that 60,000£ be invested in to Dyamonds, and the remainder of the stock now sent out being about 100,000£ wee designe for the Fort, and having not further to enlarge, but to pray to the Almighty for a blessing on you and our affairs under your management and remaine

Your loving friends,

WILLIAM THOMSON,
Governor.

THOMAS PUGILLON,
Depty. Chandox.

JOSEPH CHILD.
THOMAS CANHAM.
NATH. LETTEN.
EDWARD RUDGE.
SAM MOORE.
CHRISSONE.
JOHN CLARKE.
JOHN BANKS.
JAMES EDWARDS.
JOHN BATHORSS.
JOHN MOORE.
JAS. HOUBLEN.
RI. HUTCHINSON.
JOSEPH HERU.
JOHN MOORBUS.
(*Another name illegible.*)

Despatch from the Court.

The Governor and Company of Merchants of London Trading the East Indies, to all to whom these presents shall come greeting!

Whereas all and singular one, affairs of traffique and commerce within the Bay of Bengala in the East Indies, have for severall years past been managed by a Chief and Councell residing at Hughly in subordinacõn to our Agent and Councel at Fort St. George, on the Coast of Coromõndel; and whereas the Sd Govr and Compa for severall weighty consideracõns them there unto moving, have thought fitt to establish and appoint all their factors in the Bay of Bengala to be managed by and under a distinct Agency, separate from the Agency and Government of Fort St. George: Know you that by vertue of the Charter of our Sovereign Lord Charles, the Second, by the grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c., given and granted unto us the Sd Govr and Company bearing date, the 3rd day of April Anno Dom. 1661 and in the thirteenth year of his Sd Maty reign: We the Sd Govr and Compd reposing speciall trust and confidence in the fidelity, prudence, justice and provident circumspection of William Hedges of London, Esquire, have made, constituted and ordained. And by these presents do make constitute, and ordain the Sd William Hedges to be Agent and Governor of and for all our affairs in the Bay of Bengala in the East Indies, at Hughly, Balasore, Cassumbazar, Maulda, Dacca, Pattana and of all and singular other one Factorys and jurisdiccõns in the Bay of Bengala, without any subordinacõn to our Agent and Council at Fort St. George, any clause, order or direccõn in our Commission given to William Gyfford, Esquire, dated the 29th December 1680, to ye contrary notwithstanding. The Sd William Hedges to enter upon the said Agency and Government imediately on his arivall at Hughly aforesaid, and to execute all and every ye powers and authorities thereunto appertaining and to continue in ye exercise of ye same during our pleasure, and until the contrary thereof shall be signified under ye seal of ye Gove and Compyr; And to the end ye Sd William Hedges may be ye better enabled to order and manage all our affairs, we doe by these presents constitute and ordain. ye Mr Job Charnock, Mr John Beard, Mr John Richard, Mr Francis Ellis, Mr Joseph Dodd and Mr William Johnson, or any five or more of them shall be from time to time a Standing Councell to the Sd William Hedges, our Agent and Governor, for managing all our affairs in your Bay of Bengala, and we do hereby give and grant unto our said Agent and Governor William Hedges, and to our said Councell aforenamed, or the more part of them whereof our said Agent to be alwaies one (the whole Councell being duely summoned), full power and authority from time to time, to rule and govern all and every our Factors and servants within your said Agency, to administer lawful as occasion shall require, and to doe and perform all such other acts and things and to use and exercise all such other powers and authorities as by His Majesty's Charter aforesaid our Agent and Governor and his Councill in their severall respective places where wee your said Governor and Compa have any factories or places of trade are authorized to do according to such instruccõns and direcõns as he the said William Hedges our Agent and Governor and Councel aforesaid shall from time to time receive under the hands of thirteen or more of the Court of Commissioners of the said Company for the time being, whereof the Governor or his Deputie for the time being to be one, and wee the said Governors and Company do hereby order all our Factories, servants, officers, souldiers and all others within the said Agency, to conform, submit and yield obedience unto him the said William Hedges our Agent and Governor accordingly and for as much as it is altogether necessary, yet in case of the death of the said William Hedges before his arrivall at Hughly, or at any time within six months after his arrival at Hughly, the affairs of our said Agency should be managed to our best advantage, as well by the disposing of the stock now sent out on the Company six ships designed for the said Agency of the Bay, and in making investments and in returning the same by the said ships and yet the Government of our Factories should be thereupon provided for sooner then at so great a distance we can be advertised thereof. Wee do therefore by these presents ordain and appoint you in such cases and not otherwise, the beforenamed John Beard, shall imediately be and succeed in place and charge of our Agent and Governor upon his arrivall at Hughly, and so continue in the exercise of the said Agency and

Government for the space of six months after the decease of the said William Hedges, he dying before his arrivall at Hughly or within six months after, it being our intent and meaning yet this year's investments shall be made by the aid John Beard and Council aforesaid in case of M^{r} Hedges' death and yet from and after the expiracōn of the said six months before named Job Charnock be and succeed as Agent and Governor in the Bay, and in case of his death or removall, then the said John Beard to be again and succeed Agent and Governor in the stead of the said Job Charnock, and in case of the death or removall of the said John Beard then the next in degree in Council, in the order herein before named to succeed in the said Agency and Government in as full and ample and with as large and ample powers, priviledges and : as are granted to the said William Hedges and wee doe hereby repeal and make void the aforesaid Commission by us formerly granted under our larger seal, unto M^{r} Gyfford, Esq., bearing date the 29th of December 1680, so far as concerns his being Agent and Governor of any of our Factories in the Bay of Bengala, but as Fort St. George our town of Madrassepatam our Factories of Mitchlepattam, Madapollam, Pettypollee, Porta Nova and all other places where we have or shall have any concerns on the Coast of Coromandel, or the Chengy country, wee do hereby confirm our former Commission granted to the said William Gyfford, Esq., and bearing date as aforesaid.

And for your actings and doings in all and singular the premises this shall be the sufficient warrant and discharge in witness whereof we have caused the larger seal of our Company to be hereunto affixed this fourteenth day of November Anno Regni Regis Caroli Secundi minc Anolia Tricessimo Tertio Annoque Dom 1680.

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Extract from Public Sundries, Vol. I A.

Mr Fytch Nedham, &ca, Hughly, 4th Decr 1680.

Loving ffriends,—Our last to you was dated the 10th currtt, since wee recd yours of the 8th ultimo on the 15th ditto whose contents wee having answered in great part in our last above saide and it having been a busy tyme with us of late wee did not delay our answer untill now.

The treasure wee were a while since about to have sold here to be delivered by you there, but the person with whome were in treaty about it had notice that you had sold it yourselfes there, soe that wee hope you have begun what necessary in reference your Investment the next year.

Wee hope your goods will all be ready to come away on receit hereof and we doe give Licence to Mr. Prickman to come therewith to looke after his concerns here, but in the interim would have Mr. Frenchfeild remaine there, it being convenient that more than one person should remaine in every ffactory where Investments are actually making.

Wee have recd a parcell of planck and rafters from Rajamaul whose amount wee expect from you that wee may give your ffactory its due creddtt for them which is all at present from

Your loving ffriends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

JOB CHARNOCK.

FFRANCIS ELLIS.

P. S.—Wee have just now recd yours of the 29th ultimo with the boats of goods which wee shall this day be taking ashore.

Mr Samuel Hervey, &ca, Hughly, 4th Decr 1680.

Loving ffriends,—Our last to you was of the 6th ultimo, since which came to hands your severalls of the 9th two of which date were received the 19th and 22nd ditto mo, and your long letter of the came to hands the ditto, the last being very long and wee few people here to assist in writing worke wee sent it away by sea conveyance to the Agent and Councell as therein desired together with the latter part of Mr Hervey's defence. Wee refer you to what orders wee gave you in our last.

Your Diary for the month October came with yours of ultimo the former of them with the latter came fine bales of whose invoyce hitherto appears not.

There are two Persian horses in Ballasore are well recovered of their sea voyage from Persia, Buzzurge Umead Caune will content the owners of them, he may doubtless have them if noe greater man than he interposes for them, the Duan here sent for our Vackeels about them and had the same answer as wee now gave you which is all at present from

Your loving ffriends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

JOB CHARNOCK.

FFRANCIS ELLIS.

P. S.—Your letter above mentioned being sent away to the Coast wee desire and order you to send us another of the same that wee may enter it into our register here.

M^{r} Edward Littleton, &c^{a}, Hughly, 4th Dec^{r} 1680.

Loving ffriends,—Wee have received yours of the 27th ultimo, and hope as you seeme to intimate, by the tyme of the tend to despatch thence to receive your goods for this year by the middle of this month, wee note the reason of your noncomplyance with our Masters orders as to packing this year and that you have sent board to Decca.

Your Diary, &c^{a}, for the month October wee have rec^{d} and doe desire you to haste on that of the last month as alsoe the whole one for the past year in transcripts as enordered by the standing rules, the invoyce of the last goods from your ffactory wee have alsoe rec^{d}, for whose amount wee shall give your ffactory credd^{tt}.

Wee have not else to add save to desire Mr. Littleton to haste on his comeing downe and to give tymely notice that M^{r} Charnock (whome wee desire to be in redyness the time now drawing soe nigh) may be dispeeded hence to take the charge of Cassumbuzar ffactory from him and wee remaine.

Your loving ffriends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

JOB CHARNOCK.

FFRANCIS ELLIS.

One paire of your bookes comeing downe unsigned, wee have returned to you to be signed, according to the Comp^{a} orders, both by the Chief and second idem.

M. V.

J. C.

FF.

M^{r} Samuell Hervey, &c^{a}, Hughly, 4th Dec^{r} 1680.

Loving ffriends,—Wee wrote you this morning since which we rec^{d} yours of the 25th ultimo and take notice what you have done about the business of the Ꝑwannaes concerning the yearly peashcash of this port as allsoe for returning what lately paide thereon.

As to Muttrasaws business wee heard of it from you, and gave our thoughts thereon, hear farther may have more to say, in the mean tyme you doe well to act what may be best for our Masters interest thereon.

In this busy time wee have not assistance to coppie over those you write, about two clauses of the latter which concern you are sent this day, the other may follow as soon as other more pressing business will ꝑmit, wee think M^{r} Pownsett had the Comp^{as} Gen^{ll} to Bengall tyme enough here to have taken a coppie of it.

Wee have returned you those three pair of books formerly sent us, they being signed only by M^{r} Pownsett, but should be alsoe by M^{r} Hervey, which wee order him to doe and immediately to returne, they came by two of our cossidds.

As soon as wee can be at little leisure we shall send you up those iron gunns you mention for the Nabobs use, the Mahrur or certificate in the Pattans business being finished wee expect shortly and remaine,

Your loving ffriends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

JOB CHARNOCK.

FFRANCIS ELLIS.

M^{s} John Byam, &c^{a}, Hughly, 11th Dec^{r} 1680.

Loving ffriends,—Wee have rec^{d} yours of the 8th and 9th ultimo, the 19th and 25th ditto month, noteing the interlopers sailing for Pipley, and hope ere now the iron bolts are ready for the *Arrivall*, which wee would have you on next newes of her being in the Roade which you may desire M^{r} Sowdon to give you, to send the most to her.

Had wee not great occasion for M^{r} Rivetts assistance here, wee should not have sent for him from you, but considering whats to be done here, and what with you, wee found his assistance to be most requisite here, what business is absolutely necessary in that place wee question not, but by one meanes or other with some collaterall you have there you will able acquitt yourselfes well enough of, for their shipping wee what you have paide Gossee and Doondee Acco^{tt} their wages, as soon as the shipps are gone upon your reminding us thereof, we shall fitt you with things for presents, though are not well furnisht from England this year, and with ffactors provissions.

The tymbers for the ffort wee shall possitively order the Commanders to take on board their shipps.

Wee have seen Jn^{o} Thomase's papers and at more leisure if finde, he has overshott himselfe in any payments made shall note it unto you, his sallary is recharged to Cashhere, and he may if due receive it at Maddrass.

Your Bill of Exch^{a} for Rs. 6,000 wee received and paide at time, wee are glad to hear the Englishmen are cleared from Kateck, pray send us a transcript of the certificate you gave in their case.

Wee understand that one of the Boards first sent downe hence with the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} petre haveing 700 baggs fine petre on board her fell to seeward of the roade and went into Conkawhere, where the men were ceized upon and the petre taken ashore by that Zemindar, and the boat staned by his order; you have full notice of the thing, and hope are useing meanes by Chimcham, who has an interest in that countrey or some other waies to get that petre againe into your possession, which you must endeavour your utmost to doe and when done send it on board the *President* to whome it belongs, it being sent hence for that shipp, or if she should be furnished with such a quantity hence as is intended, ere you can recover that petre, then let M^{r} Sowdon be ordered to shipp it on board the remaining shipps in equall proportions.

Enclosed comes order to each Captain to take 150 of the Honble Compas timbers, which if you see convenient, you need not deliver them till all other goods is on board there, that soe these may not embarrasse or hinder their receiving in or stowing well away the other of the Honble Compas goods.

What of the rice and wax you can possibly procure, pray let be gotten ready to send to the store.

Your two pair books for England and the ffort wee have received.

Wee enordered you formerly to send us up an Accott of what goods and treasure you recd on shore from the sevll shipps, that soe you might have an invoyce thereof sent you hence, and your ffactory charged therewith, and the respective shipps discharged, which you have failed to doe having as wee understand recs some goods from those shipps of which hitherto we have had noe advise from you, wee desire you to doe it immediately on receit thereof, wee being on the dispatch of the shipp *Sampson* whose bills of ladeing wee cannot deliver up till wee can have an exact Accott as aforesd: as that of goods recd from the other shipps, wee alsoe enorder you immediately to send of the shipp *Sampsons* proportion of all the goods expected to come in with you this year which will amount to little more than ¼ part of the whole and send us away an invoyce of the ꝑticulars that wee may enter them into her bill of lading and there Genll invoyce here which is all at present from

Your loveing friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
JOB CHARNOCK.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

P.S.—As the earnest request of the Purser of the *Eagle* wee paide him Rs. 800 out of the Compas cash here and have enclosed sent the bill on the Commander of the amt which wee enorder you to receive and give Hugly Accott Currtt Creddtt for it idem.

M. V.
J. C.
F. E.

Mr James Sowdon, Hugly, 13th Decr 1680.

Our last to you was of the 30th ultimo by the sloope *Arrivall* to which referr you, wee have since recd yours of the 2d currtt by the sloope *Ganges*, wee have written effectually to Ballasore about the Compas saltpetre taken ashoar at Conka if it comes to you ere any more by ordered hence to be put on board the *President* let it be shipped on board her as at first intended, but it not then let it be put on the remaineing shipps in equall proportions.

The coppies of the receits for the raw silks on board the *Eagle* out of the *Ganges* as alsoe of the saltpetre formerly shipped on the same shipp out of the sloopes *Boraes*, but we want the receits of the other three shipps for the first quantity of petre they recd out of the *Arrivall* and *Boraes* as alsoe for the silke shipped on the *Sampson* out of the sloope *Arrivall*, notwithstanding wee gave you absolute orders to send them us thereunto and doe admire you mention nothing about it, pray if not done faile not to send them as soone as possible the bills of ladeing not being to be drawn out well without them, wee cannot thinke the Commanders will refuse to comply with our orders therein when they see our letter of the 27th ultimo to them all.

By Mr Sherman on the *Ganges* there comes one quire of paper for letters, inke should alsoe have come but feared it might miscarry in the way, surely the shipps cannot be descrumbled away of such things; if you absolutely want a board you must hire a small cargoe as last year was done, if you wait on shoar Mr. Byam, &c^{a}, will send you of one of 100 mds. burthen which will row to windward very well.

On the *Ganges* wee have now sent downe 45 bales romalls, 15 bales mullmulls, 5 bales Decca goods, 15 chests Moulda goods, all marked and numbered as here under annexed the which you are to lade as followeth, *viz.*:—

On the *Sampson*, 5 bales Decca goods, 45 bales romalls, 15 bales mullmulls, and 15 chests Moulda goods.

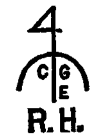
The sloope being filled with the above mentioned goods wee could not send the silke as wee hoped and intended, so she is to be unladen wholly on the shipp *Sampson*.

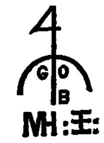
Wee call not elce to mind save that wee are

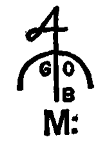
Your loveing friends,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
JOB CHARNOCK.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

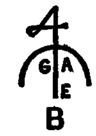
The markes and numbers of the above mentioned goods are as ffolth, *viz.*.—

Hugly goods, *viz.*:—

Rhumalls 45 bales N°  S. A. 7 bales S. B, 7 d°
A. 19 d° B. 11 d° G. 1 d°.

Mullmulls 15 bales N°  D. 1 bale G. 4 d° H. 5 d°.
2 d° K. 3. d° 15 bales.

Moulda goods, *viz.*, N°  I. E. L. 7 chests Ghar 7 d°.
seers 1 d° in all 15 chests.

Decca goods, *viz.*, N°  I. 5 bales fr° N° 1 to 5 inclusive.

M^{R} SAMUEL SHERMAN, Hngly, 14th Dec 1680.

Wee enorder you on receit hereof to repair on board the Sloope *Ganges* and to make the best of your way into Ballasore roade where when it shall please God to arrive you in safety, you are to come to an anchor in some convenient birth as nigh the Shipp *Sampson* as may be and then you are to follow the orders of M^{r} James Lowdon for your unladeing and dispatch.

Wee wish you a good voyage and remain

Your loveing friend,
MATT^{AS} VINCENT.

CAP^{T} SAMUELL CHAMLET, Hugly, 14th Dec^{r} 1680.

Haveing laden on board the Sloope *Arrivall* fifty-four bales raw silke which in the order sent you for receiveing them was mentioned they were for the

Agent, those 22 bales marked M are for Acco^{tt} M^{r} Maurice Wynne of Metchlepatam, and now on the *Ganges* have laden fourty-five bales marked as Ꝑ Margent soe that in all you have ninety-nine, which done, you to receive on board your shipp giveing lading for the same to Mr. James Sowdon, the fraught being paide here, that is to say seventy-seven bales for the Agents Acco^{tt} of which you received thirty-two by the *Arrivall* and fourty-five now by the *Ganges*, the twenty-two bales marked M you have already on board making in all ninety-nine bales as aforesaide, for the whole give two setts of bills of lading, one for the Agents to be delivered at Maddrass the other for M^{r} Maurice Wynne to be delivered at Metchlepatam. I remaine

Your loveing friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

JOB CHARNOCK.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

M^{r} Edward Littleton, &c^{a}, Hugly, 16th Dec^{r} 1680.

Loving ffriends,—Wee have received yours of the 9th instant, by which wee are glad to understand Hummums Moacta and Attlases intended on this shipping are ready, but suppose you dispeeded them not as you advise the next opportunity since hitherto they appear not.

M^{r} Job Charnock having this year been appointed Cheife of Cassumbuzar and M^{r} Edward Littleton to officiate the Secondshipps of this factory, wee understanding that this yeares business is finnished there, and that it grows reasonable to give out the usuall imprests to the silke merchants and weavours against the next season have now dispeeded Mr. Charnock up to his Cheifshipp as aforesaide, ordering M^{r} Edward Littleton to deliver the charge of the saide up to him with all convenient expedition, and leave the saide place, and to proceed hither to enter upon his Secondshipp as soone as well may be.

Wee are glad you have received the chest of wine of Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} and rest

Your loveing friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

JOB CHARNOCK.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

M^{R} Job Charnock, &c^{A}, Hugly 16th Dec^{r} 1680.

Loving ffriends,—We haveing advise from Mr. Edward Littleton, &c^{a}, at Cassumbuzar of the 19th curr^{tt} that this yeares business there is finnished, as your arrivall thither would now be most reasonable for begining the severall investments of that ffactory for the next year according to our Hon^{ble} employers standing rules, Mr. Littleton intending on your comeing thither to deliver up the saide ffactory unto you, wee doe enorder you to proceed thither by the first, and to make what expedition you can to Cassumbuzar, there to receive the charge of that ffactory of which by our Masters orders this shipping you are appoynted Cheife, in which employment wee wish you all success, and remaine

Your very loveing friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT,

FRANCIS ELLIS.

CAPT SAMUELL CHAMLETT, Hugly, 7th Decr 1680.

SR,—I have enordered Mr. James Sowdon to lade on board your shipp on the Honble Compas tonnage the following goods the freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills of lading for them they goeing for accott of Mr Petre large, *vizt* :—

1 bale palamboes.
2 bales chuccalees.
34 bales silke.
15 bales sugar.
50

I am

Your loveing friend,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

MR JAMES SOWDON, Hughly, 16th Decr 1680.

Wee have recd yours of the 9th currtt by the *Arrivall* and are glad to hear of the safe arrivall and unladeing of the thirty boraes of saltpetre, your receits for all the goods laden on board the severall shipps wee recd, pray faile not to let us know the mirda* and peons names on the boate the petre was burned on that wee may punnish them for an example to make others in the future more carefull.

Here inclosed comes the shipp *Sampson* bill of ladeing * * * * and there more bills of ladeing for what goods she has taken in of our Honble employers in that roade, which you must get signed and then deliver them their receit booke, and enclose one of the saide bills of ladeing in the accompanying short Genll to the ffort giveing it up to goe by the said ship *Sampson*, and then give the Commander his dispatch which alsoe comes herewith.

On the *Arrivall* have now laden severall goods as ℘ Accott under annexed which lade on the severall shipps, *vizt*,—

On the *Eagle* Maulda goods 18 chests, rhumalls 19 bales, mullmulls Hugly 6 bales, charconnas 4 bales.

On the *President* Maulda goods 17 chests, rhumalls 18 bales, mullmulls Hugly 5 bales, charconnas 1 bale tenga reatchaes.

Mahebutt cannies 1 bale.

On the *Berckle-Castle* Maulda goods 17 chests, romalls 18 chests, mullmulls Hugly 5 bales, Mahebutt cannies 4 bales.

For all which the Master of the sloopes receit comes inclosed, wee are

Your loving friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

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* Mirda, properly Mirdaha H., Ben. Mirdaha, Hindi Mirdha. The head peon or messenger of a zemindar; the inspector or superintendent of a village; a native officer employed to preserve the village boundaries from encroachment; one employed to carry the measuring chain, or apply it to actual measurement in a survey; the head man of a village. In Mar: also the captain or head of spearmen who precede great men in procession; also a head spy or messenger (from mischief and deh, ten, or a small company, or deh or dih, a village, whence the different meanings).—*Wilson's Glossary of Indian Terms.*

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Capt. Samuell Chamblett—Hugly, 19th Dec^{r} 1680.

S^{r}

Wee haveing laden on board your shipp the *Sampson* what allotted for your share of tonnage from Bengall enorder you on receit hereof to repaire on board your saide shipp and with the first oppertunity of wind and weather weigh your anchor and lett saill bending your course with the best of your skill and judgement for the most speedy the Port of ffort St. George Maddrasspatam where, when it shall have pleased God to bring you in safety, you are to send or carry on shoare our packquett directed to the right Worsp^{tt} Agent and Councell there whose orders you are to followe for your further proceedings.

In your way up wee enorder you to touch at Metchlepatam and send or carry on shoare our Gen^{ll} letter to the Cheife, &^{ca} Councell there, and you are to follow such orders for taking in goods on the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Acco^{tt} as they shall give you ꝑsuant to such as they have from the right Worsp^{tt} the Agent and Councell; wee wish you a good voyage and remaine—

Your Loveing Friends,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
JOB CHARNOCK.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

Mr. George Herron—Hugly 20th Dec^{r} 1680.

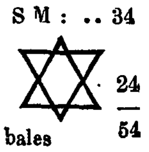
Wee enorder you on receit hereof to repaire on board the *Ketch* arrivall and with the first oppertunity of wind and tyde weigh your anchor and sett saile bending your course for the most speedy attaineing of Ballasore Roade where when it shall please God to arrive you in safety you are to deliver our packett herewith delivered you into M^{r} James Sowdon to whome wee referr you for your unladeing and despatch, soe wish you a good voyage and rest—

Your Loveing Friends,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
JOB CHARNOCK.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

Capt. Samuell Chamblett—Hugly 9th Dec^{r} 1680.

S^{r}

I have enordered M^{r} Sowdon to lade on board your shipp fifty four bales Raw Silk on the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} tonnage the freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills of ladeing for them they goeing for Acco^{tt} of the right Worsp^{tt} the Agent markt as ꝑ margent.



I am,
Your Loveing Friend,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.

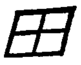
Capt. Samuell Chamblett—Hugly, 9th Dec^{r} 1680.

S^{r}

You are to receive on board your ship M^{r} W^{m} Thateher and his necessaryes to Maddrass, he paying for his passage.

I am,
Your Loveing Friend,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.

Capt. Nathaniell Horsman.



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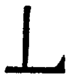

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bales 7

I have enordered M^{r} Sowdon to lade on board your ship seven bales Raw Silke on the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Tonnage the freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills of ladeing for them they goeing for Acco^{tt} of M^{r} John Davis markt as in the Margeint,

I am,

Your Loveing Friend,

MATTHIAS VINCENT,

Hugly, December 11th 1680.

Capt. Samuell Chamblett—Hugly, 11 Dec^{r} 1680.

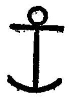
S^{r}

You are to receive on board your ship M^{r} Petre large two servants and his necessarys to Maddrass he paying for his passage.

I am,
Your Loveing Friend,
MATTHIAS VINCENT,

Capt. Samuell Chamblett,

S^{r}



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bales 7

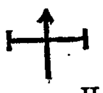
I have enordered M^{r} Sowdon to lade on board your ship seven bales Raw Silke on the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} tonnage the freight thereof being made good here deliver him bills of lading for them they goeing for Acco^{tt} of M^{r} John Davis markt as margent,

I am,
Your Loveing Friend,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.

Capt. William Talbott, 13th Dec^{r} 1680.

S^{r}

I have enordered M^{r} Sowdon to lade on board your shipps the following goods on the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} tonnage the freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills of ladeing for them they goeing for Acco^{tt} of *Antonia Negara* markt as ꝑ margent.

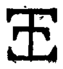


G H

I am,

Your Loveing Friend,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.



R

D G

1 bale
2 chests } q^{t} Petumbars.
2 bales Sugar.

1 ꝑcell Raw Silke.

30 M^{ds} Long pepper.

1 Canaster q^{t} Taffaties.

CAPT. WILLIAM TALBOTT.

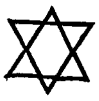
S^r^

You are to receive on board your ship *Antonia Negara* three servants and necessarys to Maddrass, he paying for his passaage.

I am,
HUGLY, Dec^r^ 13^th^ 1680. Your Loveing Friend,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.

CAPT. SAMUELL CHAMBLETT.

S^r^

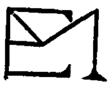


I have enordered M^r^ Sowdon to lade on board your ship twenty three bales Raw Silke on the Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ tonnage, the freight thereof being made good here, and deliver him bills of lading for them they goeing for Acco^tt^ of the right Worsp^tt^ Agent markt as ꝑ margent.

I am,
HUGLY, Dec^r^ 14^th^ 1680. Your Loveing Friend,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.

CAPT. SAMUELL CHAMBLETT.

S^r^



I have enordered M^r^ Sowdon to lade on board your ship twenty bales Raw Silke on the Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ tonnage, the freight thereof being made good here, and deliver him bills for them they goeing for Acco^tt^ M^r^ Maurice Wyme markt as margent.

I am,
HUGLY, Dec^r^ 14^th^ 1680. Your Loveing Friend,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.

CAPT. W. TALBOTT.

S^r^

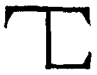
C K
I
E C.

I have enordered M^r^ Sowdon to lade on board your ship four bales Sugar on the Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ tonnage, the freight thereof being made good here, and deliver him bills ladeing for they goeing for Acco^tt^ M^r^ Clement King markt as marg^t^.

I am,
HUGLY, Dec^r^ 16^th^ 1680. Your Loveing Friend,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.

CAPT. W. TALBOTT.

S^r^



I have enordered M^r^ Sowdon to lade on board your ship three bales Raw Silke on the Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ tonnage the freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills for them they goeing for Acco^tt^ of M^r^ Thomas Lucas markt as margent.

I am,
HUGLY, Dec^r^ 14^th^ 1680. Your Lo: Friend,
MATT^as^ VINCENT.

CAPT. NATHANIELL HORSMAN.

S^r^

R

I have enordered M^r^ Sowdon to lade on board your ship three bales Raw Silke on the Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ tonnage, the freight thereof being made good here, and deliver him bills ladeing for them they going for Acco^{tt} of M^{r} Richard Browne markt as margent.

I am,
Your Loveing Friend,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.

W G

1 bale charcolles.

Hugly, Dec^{r} 17th 1680.

Capt. Samuell Chamblett—Hugly, Decr 18th 1680.

S^{r}

S M

I have enordered M^{r} Sowdon to lade on board your Ship three bales Raw Silke on the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} tonnage, the freight thereof being made good here, and deliver him bills ladeing for them they goeing for acco^{tt} of the right Worsp^{tt} Agent markt as margent.

I am,
Your Lo: Friend,
MATT^{AS} VINCENT.

Capt. Samuel Chamblett.

T. H.
A 3
B . . . 3
—
bales . . . 6

I have enordered M^{r} Sowdon to lade on board your ship six bales Raw Silke on the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} tonnage, the freight thereof being made good here, and deliver him bills of ladeing for them they goeing for Acco^{tt} of M^{r} Timothy Harris markt as ꝑ margent.

Hugly, Dec^{r} 18th 1680.

I am,
Your Loveing Friend;
MATTHIAS VINCENT.

Capt. Samuell Chamblett.

S$_{R}$

D V

I have enordered M^{r} Sowdon to lade on board your ship four bales Sugar on the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as}, the freight thereof being made good here, and deliver him bills ladeing for them they goeing for Acco^{tt} of Rewas markt as margent.

Hugly, Dec^{r} 18th 1680.

I am,
Your Loveing Friend,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.

Capt. Samuell Chamblett—Hugly, Dec^{r} 18th 1680.

S^{r}

I have enordered M^{r} Sowdon to lade on board your ship the following goods on the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} tonnage, the freight thereof being made good here, and deliver him bills ladeing for them, they goeing consigned unto M^{r} Richard Mohun markt as margent.

I am,
Your Loveing Friend,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.

S P.B	116 bales Raw Silke.
S . . . 21	1 chest Taffaties q^{t} 150 p^{s}.
S P H	33 bales Sugar.
S . . . 18	

CAPT. SAMUELL CHAMBLETT.

B H

B B. 22

K

. 06

W H
W B . . 2
S M . .

S^r

You are to receive on board your ship M^rs Thomas, her slaves and necessarys, she paying for her passage at Maddrasse.

I am,
Your Lo: Friend,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.

HUGLY, Dec^r 18th 1680.

G 4
D G No. 5 . 2
D G No. 6 . 2
9
2
bales . . 116

CAPT. SAMUELL CHAMBLETT.

S^r

You are to receive on board your ship M^r Richard Mohun, three servants and his necessarys, he paying for his passage.

I am,
Your Loveing Friend,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.

CAPT. JONATHAN HIDE—Hugly, 20th 1680.

1 cht.

bales sugar. 33

S^r

I have enordered M^r Sowdon to lade on board your ship one bale Raw Silke on the Hon^ble Comp^as tounage, the freight thereof being made good here, and deliver him bills ladeing for it goeing consigned unto M^r Maurce Wyme markt as margent.

I am,
Your Loveing Friend,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.

This bale did not proceed as enterd.

CAP^T NATHANIELL HORSEMAN.

S^r

I have enordered M^r Sowdon to lade on board your ship two hundred bales Sugar on the Hon^ble Comp^as tonnage, the freight thereof being made good here, and deliver him bill ladeing for them they goeing consigned unto M^r Maurice Wyme.

I am,
Your Loveing Friend,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.

HUGLY, Dec^r 20th 1680.

CAP^T JONATHAN HIDE.

S^r

I have enordered M^r Sowdon to lade on board your ship two hundred E thirty one baggs long Pepper on the Hon^ble Comp^as tonnage, the freight thereof being made good here, and deliver him bills ladeing for them they goeing consigned to the right Worsp^tt the Agent markt as margent.

I am,
Your Loveing Friend,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.

HUGLY, Dec^r 20th 1680.

Cap^{T} Jonathan Hide.

I have enordered M^{r} Sowdon to lade on board your ship eighty one baggs
R M sugar on the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} tonnage, the freight thereof being
S P made good here, and deliver him bills ladeing for them they
S goeing for Acco^{tt} Richard Mohun markt as margent.

I am,
Your Loveing Friend,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.

3 bales Silke.

Hugly, Dec^{r} 28th 1680.

M^{s} John Byam &—Hugly, 28th Dec^{r} 1680.

Loveing Friends,—

Wee have received yours of the 10th and 11th Curr^{tt}, and are sorry to understand that the Merchants with you are soe backward with their Contracts in bringing in their goods especially Chintamundsaw, who wee wish may have a good meaning in what he does; you are to hasten them what can, and get the *President's* proportion of goods on board with all expedition, wee intending to despatch her and the *Eagle* by the returne of the Sloope *Arrivall* now daily expected here, pray therefore send of an acco^{tt} of perticulars you have laden on the *President* to M^{r} Sowdon that he may enter them into her bill of ladeing which wee shall send hence with a blanck to fill up with the same, and daspatch the Invoyce of the same hither, that thereby wee may enter it into the Gen^{ll} Invoyce of the saide ship hence, among the other goods your Invoyce for goods laden on board the *Sampson* and *Eagle* being rec^{d} by us and wee had rather have the other two ships Invoyces of Ballasore goods to enter them into their respective Invoyces here, then that you should remitt them to the ffort except in case of invincible necessity.

Wee admire y^{e} Commanders should take upon them to elude the orders and not take in the timbers for the ffort, orders we have given them which if they follow not they must answer.

Wee note your haveing rec^{d} the Purser of the *Eagles* bill for 800 Rupees on the Commander, and that you shall receive the money and Credditt Acco^{tt} Curr^{tt} Hugly fortt, alsoe that the bales for the *Arrivall* sloope are sent of for her into the roade and hope she will bring them with her.

Wee haveing noe manner of trade in the Zimmendar of Couchaes Contrey are purposeing to send a sloope thither to stop his post and to ceize what boates or shipping he may be sending thence to any part, except he will deliver the 700 baggs of the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Petre and pay for the boate that brought them and he ceized upon, haveing now herewith written him to the same effect which pray send him the Coppie of which accompanies those, and would have you enquire into the feasableness of the thing, whether his Vessell you mention is bound &^{ca}, necessary with your oppinions upon the whole matter, that we may proceed according to what wee find most secure and adviseable for our Masters interest in this matter.

Wee admire John Thomas is gone on board any ship for Maddrass without our order especially since his wife is sent on board the *Sampson*, whome he is likely to doe mischief unto by some wicked means or other proper to his mischeifous nature in the way up; and wee have therefore hopes if you had given order to the Commander of the *Sampson* that you have recalled it and you may order his passage on the *Eagle* or *Berckle-Castle*.

The two coppies of your Diaries are come to hand and shall proceed to the Coast the rest by the last ship which is all at present from—

Your Loveing Friends,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

Mr James Sowdon—Hugly, 28th Decr 1680.

Your brief letter of the 19th Currtt wee recd the 25th and admire you should be soe negligent as not to send copies of those receits you tooke for the goods shipped on board the English shipps out of the Sloope *Ganges*, for want of them wee are not now able to draw out the *Sampson's* Invoyce, and wee understand the Sloope did not come thence in a day or two after the date of your letter, these are things wee shall not pass by but stricktly enjoyne you to comply with your orders and not to think off with foolish and idle excuses.

On the *Ganges* wee have now laden 129 bales Silke & 250 baggs Saltpetre ordinary.

The which wee would have laden on the severall shipps as ffollows:—

On the *President* the 250 baggs Saltpetre and 100 bales Silke raw.

On the *Engle* 29 bales raw silke and be sure to send us up the copies of the receits for all, the Master of the Sloopes receit for the above-mentioned goes herewith and the markes are hereunder specifyed which is all from—

The markes and numbers of the abovementioned goods are as followeth, *vizt*—

Bales Raw Silke 129, *vizt.*

Your Lo : friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

Mr Samuell Sherman—Hugly, 28th Decr 1680.

Wee enorder you immediately on receit hereof to repaire on board the Sloope *Ganges* and with the first oppertunity of wind tyde weigh your anchor and sett saile bending your course for the most speedy attaineing of Ballasore roade where, when it shall please God to arrive you in safety, you are to come to an anchor and send or carry our letters herewith delivered you unto Mr James Sowdon to whome we referr you for your unladeing and dispatch, wee wish you a good voiage and remaine—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

Capt. Jonathan Hide.

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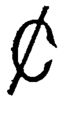

No. 4.

I have enordered Mr Sowdon to lade on board your ship one bale raw silke on the Honble Compaas tonnage, the freight thereof being made good here, and deliver him bills ladeing for it, goeing consigned to Mr Gayer markt as ℘ margent.

I am,

Your Loveing Friend,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

This bale did not proceed as entered.

Hugly, Decr 28th 1680.

Mr Edward Littleton in his absence Mr Job Charnock &ca—Hugly, 29th Decr 1680.

Loveing Friends,—Yours of the 11th and 18th currtt wee rece and with the first on two boates 34 bales China Silke, 101 ditto Floretta yarn, 11 bales Hummurus, three bales Addaties and three chests Attlasses with the letter advice wee rec^{e} on boates 190 bales raw Silke, 3 bales raw Taffaties, and one bales raw Taffaties, the rest of your goods together with an Invoyce of all sent since your last Invoyce we suddenly expect.

Your two pair of bookes for London and the Fort we have rec^{d}, and one copie of your charges Gen^{ll} which we finde not summed up at the end as in the late regulations enordered, your Diary pray hasten away.

The scales and weights M^{r} Littleton carry with him hence for weighing the Silver then there we shall want here, and doe enorder you to send them us downe, you having another good pair there, and we utterly destitute of any true scales in this plate which is all at present from—

Your Loveing Friends,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

M^{R} James Sowdon—Hugly, 3^{d} January 1680.

On these two Boraes wee have laden 100 baggs Saltpetre and 660 small baggs each q^{t} 1 m^{d} and 79 great baggs each q^{t} 2 m^{d} Turmerick, the Saltpetre laden board the *Berckley Castle*, the Turmerick in case the other two Ships, the *Eagle* and *President*, shall not be dispatched thence ere they arrive there, let it be laden in equall proportions with the Ship *Berckley Castle*, but if both Shipps be dispatched then let all be laden on the latter, which is all at present from—

Your Loveing Friends,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

The severall Nurdoes notes comes enclosed according to which pray receive the goods.

Idem.
M. V.
F. E.

Mr. James Sowdon—Hugly, 4th Janry 1680.

Wee have yours of the 27th instant, shall rectify the mistake of Chests sent for bales in our Invoices hence, only you must be sure in receits you take for goods put on on board the English Ships and their Coppies sent us hither to insert markes and numbers as you there take them of them, of the bales which you have now omitted to doe in 7 Chests Moulda goods marked G har: but noe numbers added which breeds uncertainties here.

On the Sloope *Arrivall* wee have now laden 50 bales of Raw Silke, 59 bales and Chests Mullmulls, two boxes of patterns of Taffaties, 11 bales Hummums, 6 Chests Addaties, 2 Chests Attlasses, 33 Chests Taffaties, 2 Chests rheangs, 5 baggs Saltpetre Maulda, 450 baggs ordinary petre, 6 bales Seerbunds, 1 Chest Charconnas, 2 Chests Seersuchers, 3 bales Cassaes, 1 balles Decca Musters, 1 Chest Orungsheis, 1 Chest Nehallewards, 1 Chest Tangeeles, 1 box Maulda Muters, and 1 Butt of Arrack for Metchlepatam which you must take a reciet for and send to the Chief and Councill there apart with a line of advies. The Acc^{tt} with markes and numbers of all the other parcells together with the method you are to lade them on board and on what ships comes here unto annexed to which we referr you, ordering you to have great care in ladeing according to it, you having in lading the last goods by the *Arrivall* made the mistake (of Chests and bales) yourselfe (you mention) wee ordering 18, Chests Maulda goods on the *Eagle* and you lade 22, which made that you were faine to lade but 13 Chests instead of 17 Chests Maulda goods on the *President*, and supplyed the rest with 2 bales, which mistakes pray carefully avoide these ships being on their dispatch.

Accompanying these comes the 2 ships bills ladeing from the Fort enordered, and 2 sets of new bills for what lade on them hence to be signed, one of which pray send with our advisser to the Agent and Councell which finished and sealed up with the papers as inlisted, give each Ships the *Eagle* and *President* their dispatch therewith alsoe sent you.

Wee understand by advisses from our friends at Ballasore that there investm^{ts} are backward there, as soone as you receive this advice write immediately on shoare to know whether the part of their investments of that ffactory proportioned to the Ship *President* be ready to come of it a day or two if it be then you may let *Eagle* goe before away, and stay the *President* two, or three daies extrordinary, but if they cannot divine whom they shall be ready to send of her goods then detaine her not but let her proceed with the other, this order is in case the *Presidents* proportion of Ballasore goods shall not be sent of ere the Sloope *Arrivall* gets with you, and wee hope there will be noe occasion for it.

Enclosed comes the matter of the Sloope *Arrivall's* receit for goods laden on board her which is all at present from—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

CAP^{T} NATHANIEL HORSMAN—Hugly, 6th Jan^{ry} 168$\frac{0}{1}$.

S^{R}

I have ordered M^{r} Sowdon to lade on board your shipp six bales Raw Silke on the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} tonnage, the freight thereof being made good here, and deliver him bills ladeing for they going for Acc^{tt} of M^{r} Richard Mohun markt as ꝑ margent.

I am,

Your Loveing Friend,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

CAP^{T} NATHANIEL HORSMAN—Hugly, 6th Jan^{ry} 168$\frac{0}{2}$.

S^{R}

Wee having laden on board your ship the *Eagle* what allotted for your share of tonnage from *Bengall* enorder you on receit thereof to repaire on board your said ship, and with the first oppertunity of wind and weather to weigh your anchor and set saile bending your course with the best of your skill and judgement for the most speedy attaineing the port of ffort S^{t} George Maddrasspatam, where, when it shall have pleased God to arrive you in safety, you are to send or carry on shoare our packett directed to the Right Worsp^{tt} the Agent and Councell there whose orders you are to follow for your further proceedings.

In your way up wee enorder you to touch at Maddapollam & Metchlepatam and send or carry on Shoar our Gen^{ll} letters to the Cheife &^{ca} Councell of each place and you are to follow such orders as each of them shall give you ꝑ suant to such as they have from the Right Worsp^{tt} the Agent and Councell abovesaid, we wish you a good voiage and remain—

Your Loveing Friends,

The same to Cap^{t} Hide in the *President*.

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

M^{R} George Herron—Hugly, 7th Jan^{ry} $168\frac{0}{1}$.

Wee enorder you on receit hereof to repaire on board the Sloope *Arrivall*, and with the first oppertunity of wind and tyde weigh your anchor and set a saile bending your course for the most speedy attaineing of Ballasore road where, when it shall please God to arrive you in safety, you are to come to an anchor and send our packett herewith delivered you unto M^{r} James Sowdon to whom wee referr you for your unladeing and dispatch, we wish you a good voyage and remain—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

At your returneing into the river you are to come no higher then Cudgaree, where wee shall appoint Boraes * with our remaineing goods to lade you for the dispatch of the latter shipps.

Ydem,

M. V.

H. E.

Cap^{T} William Talbot—Hugly, 10th Jan^{ry} $168\frac{0}{1}$.

S^{R}

I have enordered M^{r} Sowdon to lade on board your shipp sixty-two baggs
U. O.
pepper on the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} tonnage, the freight thereof being made good here, and deliver him bills ladeing for them they goeing for Acc^{tt} M^{r} Ursula Oneele markt as ꝑ margent.

I am,

Your Loveing Friend,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

Cap^{T} William Talbot—Hugly, 4th Jan^{ry} $168\frac{0}{2}$.

S^{R}

I have enordered M^{r} Sowdon to laid on board your ship five bales Raw
——No. 1.
2, 3, 4, 5.
Silke on the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} tonnage, the freight thereof being made good here, and deliver him bills ladeing for them they goeing for Acc^{tt} M^{r} W^{m} Dixon markt as ꝑ margent.

I am,

Your Loveing Friend,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

Mr. Samuell Sherman—Hugly, Jan^{ry} 14th $168\frac{0}{2}$.

Wee enorder you on receit thereof to repaire on board the Sloope *Ganges* and to make the best of your away into Ballasore road where, when you shall arrive in safety, you are to come to an anchor and send or carry our letter herewith delivered you unto M^{r} James Sowdon to whome wee referr you for your unladeing and dispatch, soe wish a good voiage and remaine—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATT^{as} VINCENT.

EDW^{D} LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

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* Boraes, properly Bohra's incorrectly Borah, H. (a trader, a man of affair) also Bohara, Bohari, or Bohari Mar: a banker; a money lender, or merchant of a particular tribe so called, usually receiving any article of marketable value in payment of money advanced. The Bohras appear to have originated in Guzerat, where they became converts to Mohammadanism, but they are settled in many parts of Centra and Western India, and in the North-West Provinces.—*Wilson's Glossary of Indian Terms.*

Cap^{T} William Talbott—Hugly 17th Jan^{ry} 168$\frac{0}{2}$

S^{r}

Wee having laden on board your Shipp the *Berkley Castle* what allotted for your share of tonnage from *Bengall* enorder you on receit hereof to repaire on board your said ship and with the first oppertunity of wind and weather weigh your anchor and set saile bending your course with the best of your skill and judgement for the most speedy attaineing the port of Fort S^{t} George Madrasspatam where, when it shall please God to arrive you in safety, you are to send or carry on Shoar your packett directed to the Right Worsp^{tt} Agent and Councell there whose orders you are to follow for your further proceedings, soe wish you a good voyage and remaine—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

M^{R} James Sowdon—Hugly, Jan^{ry} 18th 168$\frac{0}{2}$.

On the *Arrivall* wee have now laden 33 bales Hugly Goods, 122 bales Cassumbazar goods, 1 Chest Moulda Musters, 1 pardle Decca ditto, all marked and numbered as here under annexed the which you are to lade on board the Ship *Berkley Castle* the Master of the *Arrivall's* receit for the abovementioned premisses comes herewith.

Accompanying these comes the *Berkley Castle's* bill ladeing indorsed and three bills ladeing for what he has taken in of our Hon^{ble} Employers in that roade which you must get signed and then deliver them their receit booke and inclose one of the saide bills ladeing in the accompanying Gen^{ll} to the Agent and Councell at ffort S^{t} George sealeing it up to goe by the said Ship *Berkley Castle* and then give the Commander his dispatch which also comes herewith.

Herewith alsoe comes two boxes of bookes of Acco^{tt} &^{ca} whose keys are inclosed in these, pray deliver the said boxes to the Commander on chargeing him to take great care of them and to let them stand in his round house, as soon as you have ꝑfected all as enordered, you are to returne to us on the Sloope *Arrivall* which is all at present from—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

Take care that you loose noe papers out of the packett to the ffort, but after you have enclosed one bill of ladeing for the *Berkley Castle* seal it up and deliver it the Cap^{t} with his dispatch.

M^{R} Job Chanock, &^{c}—Hugly, 20th Jan^{y} 168$\frac{0}{2}$.

Loveing Friends,—This comes only to advise that on three boates we have sent you the dying materialls that come out of this yeares shipping for the use of your ffactory, it amounts as ꝑ Invoyce inclosed to Run^{s} * * * which pray credd^{tt} Hugly Acco^{tt} Curr^{tt} for in few daies wee shall answer yours lately rec^{d} by hand, in the interim remaine—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

On these boates we returne John Ellitt and Samuell Pine, the former to his business of Throwster, the latter to be employed in where assistance of that nature may be most wanting and as your owne prudence shall direct.

Ydem,

M. V.

E. L.

F. E.

M^{R} George Herron—Hugly, 14th February 168$\frac{0}{2}$.

Receive on board the Sloope *Arrivall* on the Comp^{as} Acco^{tt} being freight goods three bales Chamkalees marked S.P. in all three bales.

Your Loveing Friend,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

M^{R} George Herron—Hugly, 14th February 168$\frac{0}{2}$.

Having laden on board your Sloope the *Arrivall* what goods of our Hon^{ble} Employors &c^{a} thought fitting wee enorder you immediately on receit hereof to repaire on board the sloope the *Arrivall*, and with the first oppertunity of wind and tide to weigh your Anchor and set saile bending your course with the best of your skill & judgm^{t} for the most speedy attaineing the port of ffort S^{t} George Maddrasspatam where, when it shall have pleased God to have brought you, you are to goe on shoar to the right Worsp^{tt} Streynsham Master Esq^{r} Agent and Governor &c^{a} Councell there to whome we referr you for your further disposall.

In your way downe the river as alsoe thence up to Madorass, you are stricktly enjoyned not to part Company with the *Ganges* but to stay for her, to which purpose wee doe enorder M^{r} Samuell Sherman in the *Ganges* to carry the light the voyage up, and wee require you on noe Acco^{tt} or pretence whatever to leave her Company purposely, wee wish you a good voyage and remaine—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

M^{R} Samuell Sherman—Hugly, 14th Feb^{y} 168$\frac{0}{2}$.

Having laden on board your Sloope the *Ganges* what goods of our Hon^{ble} Employers &^{ca} thought fitting wee enorder you immediately on receit hereof to repaire on board the sloope and with the first oppertunity of wind and tyde weigh your Anchor and set saile bending your course with the best of your skill and judg^{mt} for the most speedy attaineing the port of Fort S^{t} George Maddrasspatam where, when it shall please God to arrive, you are to goe on shoare and carrying our packett herewith delivered you unto the Right Worsp^{tt} Streynsham Master Agent and Governor & Councell there to whome wee referr you for your further disposall.

In your way down the river as alsoe thence up to Madrasse you are stricktly enjoyned not to part Comp^{a} with the *Arrivall*, but to stay for her for which purpose wee enorder you M^{r} Sam^{tt} Sherman in the *Ganges* to carry the light the voyage up, and wee require you on noe Acco^{tt} or pretence whatever to leave her Comp^{a} purposely, wee wish you a good voyage and remaine—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

M^{R} JOHN BYAM &^{ca},—Hugly * * * * 168$\frac{0}{1}$.

LOVEING FRIENDS,—Wee have your sev^{tt} of the 6th, 10th, 12th and 31st ultimo and 3^{d} Curr^{tt} rec^{d} the 10th, 6th last m^{o} and 14 Curr^{tt} by the Sloope *Lilly* meeting a passage of 14 dayes.

The Invoyce of the *President's* goods from your residence came in good tyme and the mistake rectifed in the gen^{ll} which on examination wee doe not finde to be M^{r} Sowdon's fault.

Pray let us understand whose or what default it is that your goods came short of your Contract in Ballasore this season, that we may take care against the next year, not thinking it feazable to employ such people as doe not comply near notwithstanding any order, rule or settle^{mt} whatsoever, it being the next way to make bad debts, which wee doe not think any regulation made in India will bear us out in doeing carelessly or purposely.

What answer you can get from the Zimmendar of Coucha and the Duan and as the former let us, know and the latter forward to us, wee have written to the Agency about stoping his port ceizing his ship &^{ca} as alsoe advised them that she was bound to Metchlepatam, and if they pleased, might be ceized there, wee shall awaite their order and in the meantime desire you to informe yourselfes the best you can about all things of his country &^{ca}.

Wee had rather John Thomas had gone on another ship then the same with his wife in respect of the mischeivousness of, his temper sometimes, when wee compare all cercumstances of his distraction, apt to think he was never realy mad only feigned it, that he might gaine the oppertunity of murthering his wife (as he attempted it) without danger of being hanged as he deserved for it, for not questioning but madness would have excused his dying for the fact.

The Sloope *Lilly* you would have done well to have repaired then ere you sent her up, you may doe it now, or returne her hither to be repaired here as you shall see good.

The Invoyce of provissions sent by you to the ffort came as you advised with yours of the 6th last month.

Alsoe the Invoyce of what you laded on board the *Berkley Castle* came to our receit was entred into the gen^{ll} Invoyce by that ship, it would doe well that you got those boatemen and peon that——on the saltpetre boate to Coucha to witness before the Cozzee of Ballasore the truth of that Zimmendar's ceizing the said boat and petre, enclosed comes the Mangee's receipt for 700 baggs twice boiled———your Cozzee which you must the——before the Cozzee, and on the whole get a good mahzur* changed———said Cozzee wittnessed by the boatemen and peon and——inhabitants of Ballasore Moores Jenteous this will be of good use to us if the Agent and Councell refer this business back to us.

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* Muhzur, properly Mahzar, H. A general application or representation, a statement laid before a judge, a public attestation, or a document attested by a number of persons professing to be cognizant of the circumstances of the case, and submitted with their signature to the Court; also on the Northern Sarkars, a written agreement given by the ryots conjointly to the Government for the performance of any duty.—*Wilson's Glossary of Indian Terms.*

The *Lilly* is arrived and the timee delivered to the concerned according to their notes produced here.

Wee are sorry those Boraes whose packing stuffe and provissions came soo late into the roade to be laden on board the Europe ships, pray put it into the packing stuffe house where it may remaine without damage till next year; the provissions, because they may decay, sell of there, wee haveing gotten what wee could against here not thinking it convenient to send the sloopes down to Ballasore to take it in, it being soe late in the year least it should indanger their gaining their voyage to the coast what you sell those sevll for advise us that wee may charge you accordingly.

According to your desire wee have sent you now on the *Lilly* the sevll goods, things for presents, factors provisions as ꝑ inclosed Invoyce amt to Rups 18,509:9a:9p for which give our Accott Currtt Creddtt; you may be presenting all your people in Governmt as usual, it being unvoyable notwithstanding the new phyrmaund if wee intend the Currtt proceeding of our Masters negotiations in these partes. Mirza Wooly complains there though wee doe not believe him that he has had nothing these three last years, as for Naseeb Caune wee leave it to you if you find a necessity to present him as well as the rest with what frugallity you can with convenience.

Wee note what day *Berckley-Castle* sailed out of Ballasore road being very sorry it was soe late ere she could be dispatched, and hope wee shall be soe well supplyed with Sloopes the next moonsoone as that wee shall not be put upon a necessity of keeping our ships soe long as wee were this year for want of desked vessells to convey our Masters raw Silke peece goods after the moonsoones is broke up into that roade.

Wee do not hear you have done anything about the 24 iron Guns of the Compas wee formerly wrote you about, wee againe recommend it to you to put them of in truck or any ways according to the Compas orders which you are acquainted with that soe they may ly on hands no longer.

Wee have recd no copies of your Charges Genll this year as ought to have been sent us at which wee wonder since, though the Bromley was lame at the latter end of the year, he might have gotten ready by the end of May. Wee doe admonish him to follow his business closer and to leave of those bad courses wee are given to understand he followes, or wee shall by the next ships send him up to the ffort————it, wee would faine entertaine hopes of his reclaimeing and amendment, and should be very glad to find that the hand of God lately upon him had wrought a real change in him.

Ere wee finished came to hand yours of the 18th Currtt, wee note the quantity of the sevtt provisions and packing stuffe you had recd from the two Boraes and shall talk with the Mangees for what waiting at theer comeing up, wee call not *else* to mindes and that wee are—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

Wee enorder you to laden on the *Lilly* eight or tenn of the Compas greatest Anchors there, and fill her up with good Cooreaes soe having occasion or many of them.

Idem,

M. V.

E. L.

F. E.

Mr Thomas Nevinson—Hugly, 19th Feby. 168$\frac{0}{1}$.

Wee enorder you on receit hereof to repaire on board the Sloope *Lilly* and which the first oppertunity of wind and tide to weigh your Anchor and set saile bending your course for the most speedy attaineing the Port of Ballasore, where, when it shall please God to arrive you in safety, you are to goe on shoare carrying our packet herewith delivered you unto Mr John Byam &ca Councell there to whome to referr you for your further disposall, soe wish you a good voyage and remaine—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

Mr John Byam, &ca.—Hugly, 19th Feby. 168$\frac{0}{1}$.

Loveing Friends,—Our last to you was of the 16th Currtt ꝑ Sloope *Lilly* when sent you on the sd sloope sundry goods amounting as ꝑ Invoyce to enclose in ours sd letter to Rupees 18,509-9$\frac{3}{4}$as. to which referr you.

Since (upon enquire) wee finde the peon Mirdae and boatemen that went hence on that Saltpetre boate ceized on by the Rajah of Zimmendar of Conka returned all hither, soe that wee have had soe many of them as is convenient before our Cozzee here who have wittnessed sufficiently in the enclosed paper attested or chauped by our Cozzee to invallidated what ever the Zimmendar saies denying to have ceized that the boate and 1,400 mds twice boiled petre, we therefore send it to you by that sd peon aforesaid, and a draught of a mahzur which on the peons affirmation and sight of the other persian paper the Merchants Moores and Jentenes, the Shanbandar and as many as may be will put their Chaupes or Seale to wittnessing the same, this done keepe them both by you till wee can hear and have further order from the Agent and Councell which is all at present from—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

Mr Fytch Nedham—Hugly, 24th Feby. 168$\frac{0}{1}$.

Loveing Friends,—Wee have not written you since the 11th of December last, having been busy and indisposed ever since that tyme, wee now come to answer your sevtt of the 27th November not then fully spoken unto, and of the 9th, 11th, 12th, 15th and 30th Decr together which that of the 7th Currtt all recd since our last above saide to you.

Wee are glad at last that our Silver sold, wee very well approud of your caution therein though could one of you have been spared to have steped over to Rajamaule, the dispute would have long before ended, and all the plate sold, wee hope the repaires you made the mint to which you obleidged your selfes to stand for the fineness of your plate were the great ones of 93rs. went and not 1rs. or 5rs. went, in which there is great deceit, wee fear your Podaur has not done his duty in that concern (he knowing the business of the mint well) but rather sided with the buyer, in such cases where your find it soe the Chiefe has leiberty of changing him or any other servant either in the ffactory or under his inspection:

Our stock being much exhausted by the great quantitys of goods send from Bengall this year wee could not supply you as wee desired, nor ever shall be able, except the Comp^{as} please to send a double Stock which they seem inclinable as soone as they shall find their affaires settled here, and that the Country continues peacable, in the interim wee are glad to find what wee ghessed would be soe that your weavours upon the encouragem^{t} you have already given them and your fair and just usage of them in your last year's winding up of your business there, are all bent up of making goods required by you, well knowing that though they can never make such a quantity of goods as wee want thence, yet where they are content and provide materialls the full investm^{t} may with the more facillity and greater expedition be perfected, as wee hope, though wee could not supply you so early as wee could, and cannot yet with soe much as you desire it well this subsequent year God continuing peace be brought to pass.

Your Diary &^{ca} for the m^{o} October was rec^{d} with yours of the 27th November.

The goods you advise to have sent in yours of the 9th and 11th Dec^{r} came all safe and two Invoyces of them followed with the subsequent advised dated the 12th and 15th of ditto m^{o} and they are all dispeeded for England where wee hope they will give content when compared which the Decca Musters of 1679 which are gone hence with them with a note in our Gen^{tt} letter to the Comp^{a} to the purpose; wee opened none of your goods for want of time, soe could not alter the ticket on the foot mustar of Seerbunds.

Cassumbuzar Factory being as you know a place of much business, wee judged that Sam^{tt} Pines could be of greater necessity there then with you, which made us order him there; you must make what shift you can with what you have, all factorys being very scarce of good assistance till the Comp^{a} shall think fit to supply us, they this and last year have been solicited to doe.

Exd.—P. K. B.

G. C. Press—Calcutta—No. 421 F. D.—15-7-93—500.

Severall sorts of Carpetts made at Ellore to be sent to England.

51. In yᵉ consultation booke received this year from yᵉ fort, page 185, wee take notice that at Ellore a Town were our late Agent went through, there are made a sort of Persia Carpetts, which wee have cause to doubt they will not make a gainfull commodity here yet being willing to try all experiments for yᵉ enlargement of our trade, we would have you send us 100 Carpetts in all, whereof some of the better sorts 2 yards wide and 3 to 4½ yards in length; some about 3 yards long and 2½ broad; some about 2½ yards long and 2 yards broad; and some about 2 yards long and 1½ yard broad.

Order that old debts be got in.

52. Give order to our Chief and Councill at Metchlepatan and the Bay to be verry diligent and carefull to get in all our old debts at Verrasherron and Ballasore and all other places within either of those Chiefshipps.

Superfluous buildings to be prevented.

53. Our late Agent ordered much building in Cassambuzar and other places when he went down into yᵉ Bay last, as wee suppose more then was necessary wee do therefore recommend it to your care so farr as you can to prevent any superfluous buildings which you shall come time enough to hinder either at Fort St. George or ellswhere, and in all places retrench our charge as much as possibly you can.

The revenue of yᵉ Town and Mint to be improved.

54. Wee likewise recommend to you yᵉ improvement of yᵉ revenue of our Town and Mint, what hath already been done therein you will see, and wee hope your ingenuity and zealle for our intrest will make yet a farr greater improvement, it being but reasonable in our judgments that those yᵗ live under so mild a Government as ours is should some way or other contribute so much towards yᵉ Government as may defray yᵉ charge thereof.

The Company order yᵗ new Merchants that are responsible be imployed.

55. Wee have said before that wee did approve and ratify yᵉ orders made by our late Agent Master at his being in the Bay, but wee observe in yᵉ settlement at Hughly page 328, that he orders no new Merchants to be imployed without order in Consultation and yᵉ reason expressed therein, which whole passage is unpleasing to us, for we would have new men imployed and incouraged when any such being responsible persons shall present and for the qualifying words, *viz.*, without order in Consultation, &c. wee looke upon them as superfluous in that case for that our constant mind and order is that everything in our affairs should be done by consultation whether it concerns old merchants or new ones or any other matter.

The Agent not to remove from yᵉ Fort, but if occasion require to send some able person to overlook yᵉ sorting.

56. Wee had so ill successe with our late Agents goeing down with so great a trade to yᵉ Bay by which we suppose we came to want our Letters and Invoices from thence, and had like to had lost yᵉ monsoones for our Ships and suffered many other prejudices in our Cargo, that wee doe now forbid our now elected Agent Mr. Gyfford to make any such voyage or removeall for the future at our Charge without express order for so doing. Notwithstanding if you think it advisable, we shall not think it amisse if you send over Mr. John Stables or some other person skillfull in Linnens to assist in this year's investment at Metchlepatam or Maddapollam, to take care that yᵉ goods be kept up to yᵉ goodnesse of their muster, wee being very ill served in that respect there yᵉ last yeare, and if upon consideration you find it for our Intrest to send him or any other merchant thither for that purpose wee would have him be last of Councill there whilst he stays upon yᵉ place, but to return back to you with our Shipps to give you account of his proceedings.

No Ships, Sloopes, &c. to be imployed, but to be kept wholy for yᵉ Company's use.

57. Wee have mentioned before our resolution to have no goods sent or returned by our Shipps to or from the Bay but our own goods, and although we are not willing to withdraw that liberty of trade wee have given our Servants in India so long as it is used with any kind of moderation, yet wee doe absolutely forbid yᵉ Imploying any of our Sloopes, Budgrowes or other vessels upon

any businesse except our own, and that y^e loading of any goods upon any of our said vessels except the Company's own goods, or also y^e using y^e least part of our stock or mony in your own trades, we shall looke upon as an inexpiable crime which wee will never pardon in the best of our Servants, and wee have given absolute order to all the Commanders to take in no goods upon any private account, another caution wee must likewise enjoyn you to be observant of which is that you doe not dealle in any of y^e commodities which usually y^e Company write for for Europe untill such time as y^e Company's Shipps are dispatched for Europe, this caution is grounded upon information wee have lately had that a private trade Shipp was dispatched from Cassambuzar last yeare with 100 or 150 bales of Silk which was one great cause why our Silk Investment last year fell so exceeding short of what was ordered by us.

No commodities of the Company to be delt in till y^e Shipps are dispatched for England.

If y^e ships cannot be full laden with y^e goods y^e Company desire, then left to the discretion of y^e Agent to lade others.

58. We send you herewith a list of all y^e goods we would have you provide and cause to be provided against y^e ensuing yeare, what we doe expect home this yeare, you will find by y^e coppy of our former Letters at the Fort, and now because we would have all our five shipps returned with their full and complete loadings, and for fear you should be necessitated to fall short in the quantity of some of y^e particular kind of goods that we have formerly writ for being confident of your integrity and care for our Interest wee shall give you leave in case of such necessary failure in y^e quantity of any kind of goods this year to supply such a defect by an increase in some other sort of goods which you can easilyer procure on a sudden and which you shall judge may turne us best to account; but against y^e next year wee expect you should be provided exactly to load y^e severall sorts and quantities mentioned in our List.

Faults in y^e last year's Cargo.

59. The most prejudiciall faults in our this years Cargo were as followeth, Long Cloth from y^e Fort, No. 1, 2, 3, were shorter, narrower and thinner then ever formerly and likewise very unequally sorted.

Faults in the Long Cloth from Metchlepatam.

60. The Long Cloth from Metchlepatam, No. 2, 3, 4, were thin, short and dear and wanted three yards of their Length, y^e neckcloths, (those of halfe Bettelees) were much worse then formerly, but must be brought up to the goodnesse of 40 coved Bettelees, y^e Blew Long Cloth must be dyed out of the thickest brown long cloth and the Congee water not to be too thick, and after y^e beating of them they must be fully dried before packed to prevent the spotts which usually come in y^m.

All goods to be kept up to their ancient muster in Agent Foxcrofts time.

61. All sorts of goods at y^e Fort must be brought and kept to the full goodnesse of y^e musters that were in Agent Foxcrofts time, y^e like care to return to the ancient goodnesse you must provide for in the Bay and at Metchlepatam.

Satisfaction required from them who contrary to order sent Cotton Romalls from Metchlepatam.

62. We have wrote this two years that no Cotton Romalls should be sent us from thence except they might be brought 40 or 50 per C^o cheaper, notwithstanding contrary to our said order you have sent us 20,000 ps (=pieces) this yeare, by which wee loose intolerably, we require you to examine how this come to be done for we shall expect satisfaction from them that have so directly acted contrary to our orders.

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A calculation of goods and quantity of tonnage to be made at y^e Fort, Metchlepatam and y^e Bay.

81. Upon y^e arrivall of these Shipps with you at y^e Fort you are to make calculation of what goods and the quantity of tonnage they will amount to that you can provide there against y^e return of y^e ships from the Bay, and y^e like order you are to give to them at Metchlepatam and Madapollam, and that both your and their calculation be sent down to the Chief in y^e Bay for their regulation in filling up the tonnage of y^e Shipps by knowing what quantity you can provide on y^e coast, and we would have you to give order to our Chiefe $\&^c$ in y^e Bay, that they doe also after the arri-

vall of y^{e} Shipps with them send you an estimate of what tonnage they can provide in all the factories in y^{e} Bay, which we hope will fully complete y^{e} tonnage of all our Shipps besides a stock of saltpetre to remain for the ensuing yeare.

The account of y^{e} stock for y^{e} Bay, Metchlepatam and the Fort.

82. You are to make up the stock for y^{e} Bay with y^{e} two Shipps that goe directly thither in all to 15,000 pound, we order also that you send in money and goods to Metchlepatam y^{e} amount of £70,000, and that £60,000 be invested in dyamonds, and the remainder of the stock now sent out being about £100,000 we design for y^{e} Fort, and haveing not further to enlarge, but to pray to the Almighty for a blessing on your and our affairs under your management, and remaine.

Your loving friends,

JOHN BANKS,	WILL. THOMPSON, *Gov*^{n}
JAMES EDWARDS,	CHANDOS,
JOHN BATHURST,	THO^{S} PAPILLON, *Dep*^{y},
JOHN MOORE,	JOS^{A} CHILD,
JAMES HOUBLON,	THO. CANHAM,
RICH. HUTCHINSON,	NATH. LETTEN,
JOS. HERN,	EDW. RUDGE,
JOHN MORDON,	JAM. MOYER,
MATH. ANDREWS.	CHRIS. BOONE,
	JOHN CLERK,

London, 5th January 16$\frac{80}{81}$.

OUR CHIEF AND COUNCILL AT HUGHLY.

1. The want of our letters and invoices this year hath been great damage to us, certainly you could never have been guilty of so great an omission but that you were overburthened with the load of private trade sent from and to y^{e} Fort by our Shipping and your indentures and settlements and so great a Copartnership for your own private trade. We are willing our servants should honestly get money by their own estates while we maintain them in so splendid a condition, and we are glad to hear when they thrive by any good means; but it is against reason and our intent that our indulgence to them of universall trade in India (which y^{e} Dutch never did and wee suppose never will allow their people) should turn to our excessive hurt and damage as wee have just cause to fear it lately did, and also to y^{e} great hazard of our returned Shipps to loose the monsoones home which would have been an ireparable losse to us and greatly to the prejudice of Commanders and owners of Shipps. We do therefore earnestly commend to your care the prevention of this growing evill, if you have commissions or business for any other dispatch the Company's business first for which there is as you know but a limited time, after y^{e} Shipps are dispatched you have leasure enough to attend your own affairs, but we will never admitt hereafter any goods but our own to be loaded on our Shipps or Sloopes to or from any place upon any pretence or freight whatsoever; and if any of our servants after the admonition shall transgresse in that respect we will call them to accompt for it.

2. Wee send this year for the Coast and Bay 5 three-deck Shipps, *viz.*, the *Bengalla Merchant*, Captain John Gouldsbrough, 570 tons, y^{e} *George*, Captain

Nehem Earning, 570 tons, y^e^ *Golden Fleece*, Captain James Cooke, 565 tons, y^e^ *Cæsar*, Captain Jonathan Andrews, 530 tons, y^e^ *Anne*, Captain Leonard Brown, 460 tons; two whereof *viz.*, y^e^ *George* and the *Anne* we have ordered to saille directly for Ballasore and upon them we have sent such goods and treasure as you will perceive by the inclosed Invoices and Bills of Loading. So much whereof as is designed for Cassambuzar we doe hereby enorder you to send up to our Chief Mr. Job Charnock and Councill at Cassambuzar, it being our resolution that he the said Mr. Charnock shall be our Chief in that factory as we formerly ordered, second of the Bay in degree and to succeed you Chief in y^e^ Bay in case of your death or return to Ingland, and that he with the Councill at Cassambuzar shall manage our affairs and investments there for this year's shipping, for which purpose we enjoyn you to send away our particular letter to him by an express y^e^ same day this come to your hands if he be not at Hughly, and write to him forthwith to repaire to Cassambuzar to take possession of that Factory accordingly. We have a good opinion of Mr. Littleton, but we having ordered him thither ourselves, wee expect complyance to our orders. Mr. Littleton, if he continues in our service, we design shall be third of y^e^ Bay, second of Hughly, and shall succeed Mr. Charnock in case of his death as Chief of Cassambuzar.

3. Upon consideration of y^e^ great disorder that hath frequently been complained of in the keeping of our Books in all Factories almost in the Bay, we have thought it requisite to entertain Mr. Mountage, Bred a Merchant and a very good Accountant to reside at Hughly at y^e^ sallary of £40 per annum, and to have place at present next below those that are of Councill, and to be employed in keeping our Books, & peruseing and examining all our Books and the accompts from other subordinate factories, and doeing any other businesse that our Chief and Councill shall think fitt to employ him about; and yet our meaning is not by affording you so able an assistant to take of y^e^ charge of y^e^ Books from y^e^ Second, but that as formerly he shall remaine with y^e^ charge of them and Mr. Mountage only to be assistant to him.

4. Wee have likewise sent to the Fort this year severall adult persons which wee have entertained into our service under faire characters of their sobriety, ability and diligence in businesse, which wee have ordered to reside at the Fort, and be assistant in what businesse they can be usefull in there till such time there shall be occasion to remove them to supply y^e^ vacancies and wants there may be in any of y^e^ Councills of our subordinate factories under that Agency, so that from thence if you find occasion you may upon your desire to y^e^ Agent and Councill have further assistance whereever it shall be wanting.

5. We observe by y^e^ Diarie, or Consultation booke of Agent Master, &c., at the Fort and the narrative of his voyage and proceeding at y^e^ Bay, that many sorts of the same goods which you usually doe buy and provide at Hughly may likewise be bought and provided better at Ballasore and places adjacent, but that he did thinke it for our advantage that all those sorts of goods which could be bought at Hughly should be bought there and not elsewhere. But that is not agreeable to our mind. We design as you may perceive by y^e^ stock sent out y^s^ yeare a great enlargment of our trade in y^e^ Bay and yearly to encrease therein, and therefore whereever we have a factory we would have all sorts of goods bought that can be provided in that place without limitting our investments in the same sorts of goods only to Hughly. To which purpose we have order £20,000 of the Stock now sent out to y^e^ Bay or so much as you shall find they can invest there, to be left with our Chiefe, and Councill at Ballasore to be invested in proper goods to be returned us by these shipps as you shall think most to our advantage, concerning which we desire you to give them all speedy and fitting instructions from time to time and to y^t^ we require y^r^ observance and exact conformity.

6. Upon y^e^ same reason we are not only for y^e^ continuance of our factory at Dacca as well as at Maulda but likewise for buying in equall proportion y^e^ same sort of goods there yearly as we doe at Maulda. To which purpose we enjoyn you not to faille of speedily sending to both those places equall and suitable proportions of stock which may answare our intentions plainly before expressed.

7. We are likewise informed that great quantities of severall sorts of raw silk may be bought at Hughly, but we are not fully satisfied that it is of the

same sorts y^{t} are proper for Europe, without it be such as is made at Cassambuzar and places adjacent and from thence brought to Hughly. However, after you have used your best endeavours to compleat our investments at Cassambuzar as to the full quantity of silk that we write for and that upon advise from thence you shall find that they cannot for this year fully effect y^{e} same, we would then have you at Hughly endeavour to buy up so much raw silk as they shall want provided what you doe there buy be of the same sorts of raw silk proper for Europe, and doe not exceede in y^{e} price of what it can be or is bought at Cassambuzar, about 2 or 3 annas per seer, and buy y^{e} least proportion or none at all of the extraordinary finest sort but of the middle and ordinary sorts which turns best to account here if it be clear wrought and clean wound of. However that we may know what sorts of silk are procurable at Hughly or other places other then what is provided at Cassambuzar and parts adjacent, we would have you to send us 100 bales for a tryall in all some of each sort.

8. We have caused a list to be drawn out of all the advices to y^{e} Fort y^{e} last year by our shipping and since by overland and other conveyances; of all goods enordered to be provided in all parts of y^{e} Bay and returned us by this years shipping, of which we send you enclosed a coppy; and also another list of all the goods we would have you provide for us against y^{e} next years shipping, that which we principally expect from you is, that next to y^{e} well buying of our goods you be carefull to send us large and full returns, which will oblige us yearly, as you see we doe, to send you back a greater encrease of stock, what we have now sent you in goods and Bullion you will perceive by the Invoices and Bills of Loading sent you herewith, which is a farre greater stock then ever went from England into those parts.

9. We have sent a coppy of y^{r} letter to our new Agent and Councill at y^{e} Fort and have ordered y^{m} to give you w^{t} further instruction they shall think needfull for our service.

10. We have read over the rules and orders made by Agent Master, &c., when he was in y^{e} Bay for y^{e} well ordering our severall factories there, y^{e} method of keeping and balancing our Bookes and the monthly return of Diaries, Consultations and accounts of cash to y^{e} head factories, all which we doe well approve, and doe hereby confirm, and have ordered our new Agent and Councill at y^{e} Fort to see that all those rules and orders be constantly and impartially executed by all those whom it doth concern, and by themselves especially in spareing no man in our Imployment for favour or affection that shall be found to transgresse those rules, but that upon failure of any person they doe according to the said rules expell y^{e} offender out of our Service, and send some other person from y^{e} Fort or otherwise out of the factories in y^{e} Bay according to our usual method of advancing persons in our service as they in their judgments or discretion shall think fitt and most agreeable to our interest which was our principall end of sending such a number of able persons to the Fort this year as aforesaid; and we do earnestly desire that you our Chiefe and Councill there would for your parts with your good example advise and otherwise assist our said Agent and Councill in keeping all our subordinate factories strictly to those just, rationall and methodicall and orderly rules unto which they are reduced by the constitution made at Agent Master being in y^{e} Bay.

11. Thus you see wee are willing to own what was well done by that Agent, but y^{e} disobeying us in his settlement of that Chiefship at Cassambuzar was very dissatisfactory, as also his reasons alledged for it *viz.*, for our better service and speedier dispatch of our shipps, whereas on the contrary our service at the Bay and Cassambuzar was never worse performed, never were we more disappointed in the quantities of raw silk and Taffaties we expected and wrote for, never had we worse sorted goods from y^{e} Bay, never were all our Invoices and Bills of loading left behind before, our shipps never dispatched with greater danger of looseing monsoones, upon the whole matter things were greatly amisse from all places within your Chiefshippe which we hope you will take care to amend for y^{e} future and doe expect you should.

12. And though as we have said before we are not willing to withdraw our liberty of trade granted to our servants in India yet we must admonish you to use your liberty so moderately, that we doe not suffer by it as we have cause

to believe we did in that Shipp which was dispatched from the Bay with raw silk for Surrat; if any such ships come to you again, or any of our Chiefs or Factors within y^{r} Chiefship dispatch her with some other goods or let her stay for her loading till you have despatched all our Europe Shipps with their full quantities of silk and Taffaties of all sorts in order to be sent by them, to this we doe require your intire and absolute obedience.

13. Wee doe likewise enjoyne you and all in our service not to make use of any of our stock or goods provided for us or with our money, nor to trade in any silk black or coulered, or Taffaties died by our own Dyers or at our charge, any failure herein or loading your own goods or others then the Company's for y^{e} future on our Shipps we shall looke upon as Crimes.

14. Mr. Master his five years service to us being out the 7th of July next, we have altered y^{e} constitution of our Councill at y^{e} Fort and have appointed Mr. Wm. Gyfford Agent, Mr. Hymners second, Mr. Bridger third, Mr. Wilkes fourth, Mr. Bigrig that goes now hence with Agent Gyfford fifth, Mr. Elihu Yale sixth, whose orders from time to time we would have you observe.

15. Briefly the things we expect principally your performance in this next year are, 1st punctuall Diares, Accounts of Cash and Consultations to y^{e} Fort according to the late rules, 2ndly our full quantities of Silk and Taffaties to be sent us this yeare, and next, 3rdly, that you send an equall and full stock to Decca as well as Maulda in money, 4thly, that you make Ballasore a buying factory as we have ordered as well as a shipping factory, 5thly, that you doe not forestall or interrupt our silk investments by your own trade nor thereby retard our businesse in any kind, 6thly, that you doe keep up all persons to their musters, and looke to the better sorting of our goods, 7thly, that you make us full returns and dispatch our shipps early, your well performance of these things will not only make us your friends but think you persons of merit.

16. Besides what is contained in our list of goods sent you herewith, we would have you provide for us at Decca 4,000 Romalls yearly and let as many of them as can be sent us this yeare.

17. And if Mr. Harvey should be displaced from being Chiefe at Decca, our positive order is, that he be forthwith resettled Chiefe of that Factory and that he does carry on this years investment at y^{t} place and so continue till our further order.

18. There were severall goods wanting in y^{e} Bales this yeare according to a List sent you inclosed, our damage therein you must prevent hereafter, about which Agent Master wrote us that he had taken some order when he was there, of which we wish we find y^{e} good effects.

19. Many of the Taffaties did want of their length insomuch that we have allowed 40 or 50 yards for short measure in some chests, take speciall care for the future y^{t} every single piece be full 10 yards long, double and treble porpotionable.

20. You have likewise this year packed up severall bales in which you have, put severall sorts of goods in one bale, which is a very ill way, and we would have totally forborne for y^{e} future except it be in bales of musters.

21. Generally all your goods this year were very ill and unequally sorted, but especially the mullmulls, many whereof were frayed and some bales finer in one part of the bale then in another by 10^{s} in a piece, these things we expect you would effectually remedy, and see carefully that all our goods of the same marke and number be of an equall goodnesse.

22. Continue to send patterns of each chest of Taffaties as you have done to be put into y^{e} chests, y^{t} we may know w^{t} coulors and how many pieces of each colour are in a chest.

23. When our Chief or any of our Councill have occasion for our service to goe between Cassambuzar and Hughly or Ballasore, we would have them (if may be) to goe by water, and not put us to the charge of vaine pompous journeys by land.

24. Bee verry frugall in all your expences and hereafter if you doe take out Phirmand, Neshawnes or Phyrwamas, let them alwais be taken out in y^{e} name of y^{e} English East India Company and not otherwise, any former per-

mission or order from ourselfes or ye Agent and Councill at ye Fort to ye contrary notwithstanding.

25. Agent Master wrote us in his letters by our Shipps that good hempen saile cloth might be made cheap in the Bay, such as holland Duck and French Noyles Canvas, and we have been since told by another that the Dutch make much of their saille clothes in those parts, upon which we have endeavoured to get some hemp dressers and weavers to goe thither to instruct our Black Servants in that manufacture, but those kind of people here are not willing to travel so farre as East India, so that we send you none of them by this years shipping, but in regard ye Dutch have so much made there, we cannot think it an impossible thing for you to get some of those people that make it for them to furnish you with 10 or 15 bales of a sort to send us by this shipping, and hereafter much more if we find it will turn to account, which trade we would ye rather introduce and incourage, because we apprehend it would be of great national advantage to England, 1st, in the imployment of more great Shipps for India, that Commodity being bulkey, next in saving a great deale of money to England which the Dutch and French draw out of our purse every year for that commodity, whereas if you can have our supply thereof from India ye first cost will be verry little, the rest onely for Custom and Charges which is all clear profitt to the Kingdom.

26. Mr. Naylor our Dyer at Cassambuzar hath petitioned us here by his Attorney to be our Chief Dyer, we know he is our oldest Dyer there but we know of no Precedency in that trade, but he that can doe and does doe ye best, to be best looked upon and countenanced, and where they are equall in their performances ye first comer to be respected accordingly, but for any other preferment in our Factory at which he seemes to hint, he must not expect it from us, we send men of trades thither to follow their trades, neither will we give way to his or any mans sending prohibited goods home upon accompt of his sonne here above 5 peices in one year, for other goods prementioned by our printed Indulgence he hath the same liberty as all our other servants.

27. Wee are desired by the father of Mr. John Billingsly deceased, that he may have leave to sell and dispose of a house built by his said sonne at Ballasore, we doe order that you give such as shall be authorised by him leave to sell ye same provided it be not disposed of to any one of any other nation whereby it may become prejudicialle to our factory there or an hindrance to ye carrying on our affairs there.

28. Wee did in our letter of the 3rd January 1678 to the Fort give directions for your proceedings in case of ye decease of any person in our service, and expected before now according to the said directions, that you would have sent us an Inventory and account of the estate of Mr. Walter Clavell our late Chiefe, and that you had in ye first place as then ordered discharged what debts he owed to us in ye Books and given us a particular of what was further remaining, but this yeare we having received no letters from you, and Sir Tho. Mompesson and Mr. Trenchard, members of Parliament and persons of quality desiring our particular recommendation that Mr. Clavell's Bookes, and a perfect Inventory of all his estate might be sent home, and that the overplus of his estate, our debt being first discharged, might be paid into our cash there, which we have promised to make them good here at 2 *s.* 6 *d.* ye rupee, we doe require you without faile by these Shipps (if it be not already done) to give us a perfect account of the said Mr. Clavell's estate, and to send home his bookes and accounts to be delivered to ye said gentleman, who are the Executors in trust.

29. Wee are informed yt ye course silk or yarn yt yr Erva Stuffs are made of, if it were properly wound of as yr silks yt come from Europe, would turn to account here, we would therefore have you to send us 10 or 20 bales for a tryall, and if there shall be with you any stuffs, silks, yarn, or silk more then wt we have had already sent us from ye parts wee would have you enquire about it, and send us a bale or two for a sample, being desirous to enlarge our trade to your parts as much as may be.

30. Whereas by our last yeares shipping and by our advises since sent to you overland wee then ordered you to goe on in ye provideing of the goods we

then writ for to be sent us by y^e following shipps, and have to that effect (besides y^e great remains of stock with you) now sent you out a much larger stock then usuall, not doubting but that if you have done your endeavours in providing the full quantities we ordered you, but that our shipps will all of them be fully laden (besides a surplussage of Petre alwais beforehand for the next year) and not to return to us in the least dead freighted, but that we may provide for unseen accidents, and least you should fall short in the full loading of all our shipps by w^t loaden on them from y^e Bay and y^e Coasts, we would then have you enlarge our investments of what we advised you by our last years shipps, *viz.*, in Turmerick from 100 tonns to 200 or 250 tonns, in sticklack from 50 to 100 tonns and 100 tonns in cowries, and in case after you have done your utmost endeavours to provide the severall sorts of goods and that you should want any tonnage to the full loading of shipps and cannot procure a surplussage in the aforespecified Commodities whereby to fill up our shipps, *viz.*, in Turmerick, Sticklack and Cowries, we would then have you send 100 bales of Cotton Yarn more then already ordered, and if it be a plentifull year of Sugar and it be cheap, you may send 50 or 60 tonns of that sort usually sent to Persia, but this we would have to be y^e last remedy, notwithstanding what we have above writ we hope your care will have so prevented our fears that you will have (with the goods provided on the coast) a proper cargo of goods with the saltpetre fully to load them and a surplussage of saltpetre behind for y^e next yeare, which we would have to you lade on y^e first shipps that goe from your port to y^e Coast, it being our desire alwais to have a stock of saltpetre to lie ready at the fort upon all occasions.

31. We have entertained Mr. Rich. Parker, who was bred a Mercer, and have designed him for your parts and particularly to be employed at Cassambuzar, whom you are to advise with in y^e dying, ordering, sorting and receiving of our died and raw silk, and therefore doe order him to be sent thither and to take place there next after those factors that are upon y^e place, and if there shall be further occasion at Cassambuzar, we doe think Mr. Wm. Prickman (who hath also skill in silk) may be fitt for that place.

32. Wee had a draught of the River Ganges presented us by Captain Stafford who went up with his ship y^e *Faulcon* unto Hughly, and have caused three draughts of the same to be delivered, *viz.*, unto Captain John Gouldsbrough in y^e *Bengall* to Captain Earning in the *George*, and Captain Brown in the *Anne*, hoping they will make such use of them as to endeavour to carry up their Shipps into y^e river, howsoever we advise you of this that before the departure of the said shipps for England, you doe demand from the commanders y^e said 3 draughts, which we intend shall be left on shore with our Chief and Councill at Ballasore to be made use of by our Shipps as further occasion shall present with w^t further observations they shall make therein.

33. If Sir John Leithelieur's correspondants shall supply you with any gunnies of mony to y^e value of 40 or 50,000 rupees at the rate not exceeding 2*s.* 6*d.* a rupee, you are to give them Bills of Exchange for y^e same to be drawn on us at 30 dayes sight which we shall accept and pay so as to be supplied as timely and as reasonable terms as others shall doe it.

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Your loving friends,

JOHN CLARKE.
JOS. CHILD.
JAS. HOUBLON.
MATH. ANDREWS.
JOSEPH HERN.
JOHN MORDEN.
EDWARD RUDGE
THOS. CANHAM.

WILLIAM THOMSON, *Gov^r.*
THOM^s. PAPILLON, *Deputy.*
JAS. EDWARDS.
JOHN MOORE.
SAM MOYER.
R. HUTCHINSON.
JOHN BATHURST.
CHRIS. BOONE.
NATH. LETTEN.

London, 15th March 16$\frac{80}{81}$.

OUR AGENT GOVERNOUR AND COUNCILL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

Wee are not willing to let our Surratt Shipps depart without a letter to you, although we have little to add to what we wrote you by our Agent William Gyfford, Esq., who went on the Shipp *Bengall Merchant* in Company of ye *Golden Fleece*, *George*, *Cæsar* and *Anne*, that which most materiall is that we intend the ensuing year to send you full as much tonnage as we did this, therefore you must be sure in time to make provision for a suitable cargo especially of Bulky goods and Silk concerning which we wrote sufficiently by our said shipps.

You must likewise importunately and incessantly press our Chiefe Servants in ye Bay to mend their management of our affairs in those factories which were intollerably bad ye last yeare in many respects mentioned in our formerletters, and which (if not very much amended by the Shipps we now expect) wee cannot bear with them any longer but shall be necessitated to make a great change.

Faille not to give us the names of such as you shall understand to have abused that great indulgence we give of a generall trade in India to our prejudice esspecially of those vile persons that sent away the silk from Cassambuzar last year and thereby hindred our own Investments in that Commodity. Take all oppertunities to retrench ye extravagancie of our charge at ye Fort and in all places within your Agency, and know that it is our constant maxim grounded upon a long experience that a wasteful, haughty or prodigall person can never be a good servant for us, let him be otherwise ever so crafty, plausible or methodicall; Bee never without a Store of Turmerick and Saltpetre at the Fort to answare all emergencies and defects of other goods and then we may reasonably hope never more to pay any dead freight.

Keep all persons to our rules of sending constantly Diaries and monthly accounts of Cash and spare none of ye defaulters upon any pretence whatsoever, otherwise then our rules do allow, till you make examples of some we can never hope any regularity to be observed but in doing publick right to us be sure you never exercise private revenge or prejudice.

Looke sharply to the Diamond businesse and spare no transgressours for favour or fear of any person, and if you rightly consider it as the scheme of that businesse is laid, its more yr own Intrest then ours personally, and if you doe your parts ingeniously we may probably double our stock in that commodity in a short time.

There is one Mr Thos Davis a Linnen Draper who has lately given over his trade and is gone in company with one Salvadore, a Jew for India overland (as it is said) though some suggest they are gone in some of our Shipps under disguise, of which we thought good to advice you, that in case they come into your parts you my keep a watchfull eye over them that they act nothing prejudiciall to our Trade; and that all our Factors and Servants be admonished to afford them no assistance or Incouragement in their proceedings, and you are to give us advise what you can learn concerning them both of their way of comming over and of their transactions in ye Country, we have not else to adde but comending you and our affairs to the protection of the Almighty,

We remaine,

Your loving friends,

SAM. MOYER.
JOHN BATHURST.
THOS. CANHAM.
RICH. HUTCHINSON.
DANIELL SHELDON.
NATH. LETTEN.
MATH. ANDREWS.
JOHN BANKES.
JOHN LETHEUILLEIR.
JOHN PAGE.
JOHN MORDEN.
JAMES HOUBLON.

WM. THOMSON, *Govr*.
THO. PAPILLON, *Depy*.
BERKELY.
JOHN MOORE.
ROB. THOMPSON.
JEREMY SAMBROOKE.
EDWARD RUDGE.
JOSEPH HERN.
JOHN CLARKE.
CHRIS. BOONE.
JAMES EDWARDS.
JOSI. CHILD.

A copy of a Clause of the Bengall Generall to the Honorable Company dated ye 6th January 168½.

The Shipps have had their dispatch exceeding late this year notwithstanding our uttermost endeavours to further it, never any year was the Saltpetre got on board sooner then it was this respecting the great quantity thereof, nor did Sloopes ever make more turns into Ballasore road hence in one year, the small Sloope of 20 tonns being also timely appointed to carry of ye goods at Ballasore on board the Shipps to prevent ye theivery of ye Purgomen, but we haveing no vessels at fraught this yeare, as formerly was usuall here, and haveing no other Deckt vessels but these two Sloopes both making but 130 tonns, two small ones of 20 tonns a piece being lost in a storm in September last coming from Maddapollam, your bale goods which we had no order nor could think convenient without order to adventure on open country boats, could not be sent down any faster then those sloopes could carry them, and we failed not to have them well laden every time as will appear by our severall respective orders to ye person appointed to that businesse in Ballasore roade for their unloading on board the Europe Shipps.

London, ye 20th May 1681.

Our Chief and Councill att Hughly.

Since our last of the 22nd Aprill, copy whereof goes herewith we have freighted four vessels for our China and Tonqueen trade, *viz.*, ye *Ocklander*, burden 150ts, Captain Marmaduke Woolters; ye *China Merchant*, 130, tonns, Captain John Usber; ye *Kent*, 130 tonns, Captain Leyster Saunders and ye *Johnson*, also *Amoy Merchant*, 130 tonns, Captain Robt Knox, which we intend shall, all saile together from Gravesend ye 14th of August next, and may arrive at Bantam in March following, and depart thence all in company about ye 20th of May ensuing, one of them for Tonqueen and thence to Bantam, and from Bantam home with Pepper, ye other 3 all for Amoy, thence one to your place, one to the Fort, and one to Surratt, and from each of these places directly for Europe with rough goods.

2. Having told you in as few generall words as wee can how we intend for ye future to carry on those trades, we require you that if any of our own Shipps now in India whose names are expressed in the margent, be or do arrive with you after ye receipt of this and upon survey you find such Shipp or Shipps may with little charge be fitted to return for England with a loading of Saltpetre Turmerick or other rough goods, that you doe accordingly load such Shipp or Shipps home for England, or ells sell it, or them in ye Country for ye most you can procure.

Return.
Tywan.
Formosa.
Advise Pinck.
Flying Eagle.

3. But in no case after receipt of this load any Shipp of ours with any loading of goods back to Bantam or any other port in India, we being resolved to put a full and finall Stopp to all our trades of that nature.

4. And since this is our positive resolution, and that you may be alwaise ready to give a present dispatch in 3 or 4 dayes time to any Shipp under 200 tonns burden besides ye full loading of our Europe Shipps, wee find it necessary to enjoyne you to be constantly supplied with at least 400 tonns of Saltpetre and Turmerick in our godownes att Ballasore, which is the principall end of this second expresse.

5. As upon the loading of such a China Ship or dispatch of our Europe fleet, you may diminish or empty yr said standing store of 400 tonns we would have you so contrive your businesse that you may have yr full store replenicht againe in a short time.

6. Verry fine Mullmulls finer then any we have had from you of late yeares would sell well, course and midling are druggs, send us what you can in such a short time, procure ye very finest that are made.

7. Your coulered Ginghams must be made much better and stronger, full lengths not all gray but mixt of all variety and coulours. Your Sannoes are generally too yellow, they should be better drest, and the Congee have more

blue in it, if you could have your Sannoes drest as white and as fine a yᵉ Bettelees are at yᵉ Fort, they would sell much better, as they now come some of our buyers have been forct to send them over to Holland to have them new whited or Bleached and brought back to England again to sell.

Now this for a constant and generall Rule that in all flowered Silks you change yᵉ fashion and flower as much as you can every yeare, for English Ladies and they say yᵉ French and other Europeans will give twice as much for a new thing not seen in Europe before though worse, then they will give for a better silk for the same fashion worn yᵉ former yeare.

We remaine,
Your Loving friends.

London, 22ⁿᵈ April 1681.

Our Agent and Councill att Fort St. George.

Two of you so lately understood our minds as well by frequent discourses with us as by our generall letters that we shall not enlarge to you by this Conveyance, we have great confidence in your truth and no lesse dependance upon your activity. The enclosed duplicate of our letter to our Chiefe and Councill in yᵉ Bay send forward as soone as you can, and presse our people there constantly to doe our businesse with more Spirit, certainty and regularity, till they have lately done, which you will hardly ever effect till you have displaced two or three of yᵉ most negligent according to our former rules and directions, in which however take great care that neither passion prejudice nor partiality have any share.

Have a watchfull eye upon our business at Metchlepatam and alwaise reckon it as it is a matter of vast importance that our Shipps be alwaise timely dispatched and fully laden according to the List of our goods enordered, although any goods are ten times better then dead freight, to avoid which keep yourselves alwaise stored with that quantity of Petre and Turmerick we have appointed you to keep by you at yᵉ Fort, of which as occasion forces you to diminish faile not to make that provision before hand that your standing Store be presently supplied and made full againe to that quantity we would have you never to be without.

Wee say nothing of our Diamond concern because we hope you are honest enough to improve and preserve our intrest therein, and wise enough to know it is your own.

We have thought fitt to appropriate to the generall Joint Stock exclusive to all other yᵉ following commodities, *viz.*, all musk in Codd and out of Codd, Persia wrought Silks, Ashmadavad Taffaties, Herba Taffities, Silk Longees and Chercolles which we have left out of our Indulgences this yeare, both to Factors Officers, and Seamen, and doe give you this early advice thereof, to prevent all excuses that may be pleaded of not haveing timely notice thereof, this prohibition takes place upon all shipps that shall after this day goe out from hence for India, and so commending you and our affairs to the guidance and blessing of the Almighty,

We remaine,
Your loving friends,

RICH. HUTCHINSON.
WILLIAM HEDGES.
CHRIS. BOONE.
BERKELY.
SAM. BERNARDISTON.
JOHN MOORE.
SAM. MOYER.
JEREMY SAMBROOKE.
JOHN CLERKE.
JOS. HERN.
NATH. LETTEN.

JOSA. CHILD, *Govr.*
THO. PAPILLON, *Depʸ.*
JOSEPH ASH.
JAMES EDWARDS.
WILL. SEDGWICK.
EDWARD RUDGE.
JOHN CUDWORTH.
JOHN LAWRENCE.
ROB. THOMSON.
JNO. MORDEN.

London, the 30 November 1681.

Our Agent and Councill in the Bay ot Bengall.

His Majesty's proclamation in all Factories with great solemnity, no English persons or vessels trade without passes.

Wee send you with this packquet 30th of His Majesty's Proclamations which we would have you cause to be proclaimed or published in all our Factories with greatest solemnity you can, and for the future to suffer no English person's Ships or Vessels to trade without our passes, nor any Natives that have usually had our passes. To our own Factors and Servants that we have given a liberty of trade, (so as they use that liberty not to our detriment), and also to Natives you may give our passes a like accustomary fees. But not any that are not Natives or in our Service without paying for them a duty to us as in your discretions you can agree, not exceeding 2 per cent. of the value of ship and goods, in which at first we desire not that you should be rigorous but bring them by degrees to comply with what is reasonable towards our vast charge of procuring and maintaining our priviledges in India as well as here.

Gives passes to Natives, Customary fees.

An additional Charter to condemn, &c., judge in India.

And to the intent you may be fuller impowered to condemn all English Ships and goods that shall be traded in or for in India contrary to His Majesty's Charter Wee have procured an additionall Charter impowering us to judge and condemn in India, &c. A copy of which Charter you shall have herewith if we can get it pass the time enough to go by this Ship, otherwise you shall have it by our Coast ships that are to saile after Christmas. We shall likewise endeavour to procure some blanck Commissions for the Commanders of our small Vessels from His Majesty of the tenour of those granted to Captain Heath and Captain Wilshaw.

No privateer but head frigate since His Majesty's Proclamation sold us the whole ship and goods.

We hear of no Privateer yet set out from home but onely the *Head Frigate*, which being got as farr as the Downes, the owners and Freighters have since the coming forth of His Majesty's said Proclamation sold us the whole Ship and goods; and we have put in one Mr. Thomas Rayne's to be Commander of her and ordered her to saile with the *Defence* and to remain in the Country for our Service there, and if she sail well may be imployed to pick up any small vessels that sail without our Passes, for bigger Privateers you must employ our Europe Ships, and if any of them refuse to obey therein the King's Commission, Proclamation and our orders, protest against them and load no goods on board them homewards for our Accounts. If you can, by other Ships send us home all our fine goods which we alwaise do most desire.

If any disobey the King's Commission, protest against them and load no goods.

We are resolved in the matter of interlopers.

We are thus resolute and positive in our orders touching this matter, because we are advised by our Councel and find by late experience that the interloping trade is onely and effectually to be destroyed in India.

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Your affectionate friends,
JOSIA CHILD, *Governor*.
etc.,

London, the 23rd December 1681.

Our Agent and Councill in the Bay of Bengal.

The preceeding letter of the 30th of November last we confirme and doe send you this copy thereof under ye signature of the Court at the Governor's instance because the original which you received before was for hast signed onely by the Governor. Now upon further consideration of a trade to that vast country of Persia which we have suffered too long to lye fallow we do after this year intend to send you yearly a Ship for that trade and to interest

Cargo of Persia goods to be provided.

our Agent at the Bay $\frac{1}{8}$ Mr. John Beard $\frac{1}{16}$ and $\frac{1}{16}$ for account of our Agent at Persia, and accordingly wee doe desire you to provide a proper Cargo to the value of 8, 10 or 12,000£ of Persia goods against the month of August or September come twelve months, concerning which we shall write you more largely by our next Ships, and of such equitable terms as we shall propose to interest our said Agent and Second to him Mr. Beard in this undertaking, which will be to your advantage,

We are,
Your loving friends,

London, this 18th January 1681.

Our Agent and Councill in the Bay of Bengala.

Resolution to sail directly for Porto Novo for preventing interlopers, take orders from Councill of Fort.

We have upon further consideracon of our affairs thought fitt to order the *Resolution* to sail directly to Porto Novo and on his arrivall there to dispatch advice (by the soonest opportunity) to our Agent and Councill at the Fort of his coming thither, where he is to continue for preventing (what in him lies) the supply of any interloping Ships with any goods whatsoever, and to follow the further orders of our said Agent and Councill at the Fort.

Engross Turmerick in ye Bay, and to lade it at half freight.

We also direct that upon your arrivall in the Bay, you forthwith buy up, and ingrosse what quantityes of Turmerick you can procure so as not thereby to raise the price of that comodity, and to lade it on our Europe Ships by shooting it in the hold at half freight.

Store of Petre at Ballasore.

Be sure, alwaies to have a stock of 400 tons of Saltpetre in our godownes at Ballasore for furnishing our Ships on all occasions.

Neglect of our positive orders concerning Mr. Charnock.

Mr. Pownset, Chief of Dacca, send full quantity of money enordered for the place.

We have received advice from Mr. Job. Charnock of his being at last settled Chief at Cassambuzar, and are confirmed in our opinion of the neglect of our positive orders made concerning him and the injury he thereby received, and are fully satisfied that our respect to him are well placed and on that account would have you treat him as one of our most ancient and best Servants. And finding Mr. John Pownset now Second at Dacca is a person well versed in the Cloth and other goods made in those parts, and that industriously he seekes the good of the Company, we would have you on your arrivall to appoint him to be Chief at Decca, and to give such orders for Investments there, as are pursuant to what we have written in a List of goods to be provided there, and to send him up the full quantity of money enordered for that place as soon as you can.

We have now settled our whole designed fleete for India this season, of which you have a list undermenconed.

At the Court at Whitehall the 19th October 1681.

By the King's Most Excellent Majesty and the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Councill.

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The Governoure Company of Merchants of London trading to the East Indies to all to whom these presents shall come greeting.

Whereas all and singular our affairs of Traffique and Commerce within the Bay of Bengala in the East Indies have for severall years past been managed by a Chief and Councill residing at Hughly in Subordination to our Agent and Councel at Fort St. George on ye Coast of Caromandel, and whereas ye said

His Majsty's Charter to ye Company for making Wm. Hedges Agent and Governour of Bay of Bengala.

They order their Council in ye Bay *viz*, Job Charnock, &c.

To govern all our Factors and Servants.

His Majesty's Royal Charter to ye Compy., their orders, the power of Agent and Council there.

Governor and Company for severall weighty consideracôns them thereunto moving have thought fitt to establish and appoint all their factors in the Bay of Bengala to be managed by and under a distinct Agency separate from ye Agency and Government of Fort St. George, know ye that by vertue of the Charter of our Sovereign Lord Charles ye Second, by ye Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King, Defender of ye Faith, &c., given and granted unto us ye said Governour and Company bearing date the third day of April Anno Dom 1661, and in the thirteenth year of His said Majesty's reign, We the said Governor and Company reposing speciall trust and confidence in ye fidelity, prudence, justice and provident circumspeccõns of Wm. Hedges to be Agent and Governour of and for all our affairs in ye Bay of Bengala in the East Indies at Hughly, Balasore, Casambuzar, Maulda, Dacca, Patana and of all and singular other our Factorys and Jurisdiccõns in the Bay of Bengala without any subordinacôn to our Agent and Councel at Fort St. George, any clause order or direccôn in our Commission given to William Gyfford, Esq., dated ye 29th December 1680 to the contrary notwithstanding. The said Wm. Hedges to enter upon ye said Agency and Government imediately on his arrivall at Hughly aforesaid, and to execute all and every ye Powers and Authorities thereunto appertaining, and to continue in ye exercise of ye same during our pleasure, and untill the contrary thereof shall be signified under the seal of the Governour and Company, And to end ye said Wm. Hedges may be the better enabled to order and manage all our affairs, Wee doe by these presents constitute and ordain yt Mr. Job Charnock, Mr. John Beard, Mr. John Richards, Mr. Francis Ellis, Mr. Joseph Dodd and Mr. Wm. Johnson, or any five or more of them, shall be from time to time a Standing Councell to ye said Wm. Hedges, our Agent and Governour for managing all our affairs in the Bay of Bengala, and wee do hereby give and grant unto our said Agent and Governour Wm. Hedges, and to our said Councel aforenamed, or the more part of them, whereof our said Agent to be alwaies one, (the whole Councill being duely summoned) full power and authority from time to time to rule and govern all and every our Factors and Servants within the said Agency, to Administer lawful Oaths as occasion shall require, and to doe and perform all such other acts and things, and to use and exercise all such other powers and authorities as by His Majesty's Royall Charter aforesaid, our Agent and Governour and his Council in their severall respective places where wee the said Governour and Company have any Factories or Places of Trade are authorised to do according to such instructions and direccõns as he the said Wm. Hedges our Agent and Governour and Council aforesaid shall from time to time receive under ye hands of thirteen or more of ye Court of Committees of ye said Company for ye time being, whereof the Governour or his Deputy for ye time being, to be one, and wee ye said Governour and Company do hereby order and require all our Factors Servants, Officers, Soldiers and all others within ye said Agency to conform, submit and yield obedience unto him, ye said Wm. Hedges our Agent and Governor accordingly: And for as much as it is altogether necessary yt in case of ye death of ye said Wm. Hedges before his arrivall at Hughly or at any time within six months after his arrival at Hughly, the affairs of our said Agency should be managed to our best advantage, as well by the disposing of the Stock now sent on the Company's six Ships designed for ye said Agency of the Bay and in making Investment and returning the same by ye said Ships, and that the Government of our Factories should be thereupon provided for sooner then at so great a diistnce wee can be advertised thereof. Wee do therefore by these presents ordain and appoint yt in such case and not otherwise, the beforenamed John Beard shall imediately be and succeed in ye place and charge of our Agent and Governour upon his arrivall at Hughly, and soe continue in the exercise of the said Agency and Government for ye space of six months after the decease of the said Wm. Hedges, he dying before his arrivall at Hughly or within six months after it, being our intent and meaning yt this years Investments shall be made by ye said John Beard and Council aforesaid in case of Mr. Hedges his death, and yt from and after ye expiracõn of ye said six months ye beforenamed Job Charnock be and succeed as Agent and Governour in the Bay, and in case of his death or removall then y^{e} said John Beard to be again and succeed Agent and Governour in the stead of the said Job Charnock, and in case of y^{e} death or removall of y^{e} said John Beard then y^{e} next in degree in Councillin y^{e} order herein before named to succeed in the said Agency and Government in as full and ample manner and with as large and ample powers, priviledges and authorities as are granted to y^{e} said Wm. Hedges, and wee doe hereby revoke annul, repeal and make voyd the foresaid commission by us formerly granted under our larger seal unto Wm. Gyfford, Esq., bearing date y^{e} 29th of December 1680, so far as concerns his being Agent and Governour of any of our Factories in the Bay of Bengala, but as to Fort St. George, our Town of Madraspatnam, our Factories of Metchlepatam, Madapollam, Pettipolee, Porto Nova and all other places where we have or shall have any concerns on y^{e} coast of Coromandel or y^{e} Chingy Country, wee do hereby confirm our former commission granted to y^{e} said Wm. Gyfford, Esq., and bearing date as aforesaid. And for your acting and doings in all singular y^{e} premises this shall be your sufficient Warrant and discharge. In witness whereof we have caused the larger seal of our Company to be hereunto affixed this fourteenth day of November Anno Regni Regis Caroli Secundi Anglia Tricessimo Tertio Annoque Dom. 1681.

Company orders to Agent, &c.

Copy of Irregular Entries and Expences brought to account in Cassimbuzar Books begun y^{e} 30th September 1671 and ending y^{e} 30th 7^{ber} 167[illegible],
Mat Vincent, Chief.

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26. Charges Genn'l D^{r} to cash R^{u} 65-8 p^{d} a Country doctor sent for from Hughly there being none good in this place, Mr. Vincent and severall in the Factory being sick of feavours, his boat hire forward and backwards and diet whilst here and his fee amount to R^{u} 65-8 which semes to extraordinary, and although y^{e} Company would not y^{t} y^{e} factories should want the best meanes in such cases yet they cannot but put them in mind to be frugall in all their expences, &c., w^{ch} they shall always require at their hands.

Voyage to Rojamaull D^{r} to Jno. March, R^{u} 2289½ which is for y^{e} Vakeeles wages, presents, &c., expences at said place in disposing of y^{e} Company Bullion sent up last year by Mr. Vincent. Y^{e} Company cannot but wonder at y^{e} credit given Mr. March, and y^{t} y^{e} person is thus p^{d} such a considerable some, when it doth not appear he hath given an account of their said estate committed to his trust per Mr. March, and this some p^{d} appears to be a loss of so much mony to them, whereas they might well have expected gain, and moreover y^{e} Company take notice y^{t} in Mr. March's last books and the account of y^{e} said Mr. March is charged wth R^{u} 884-5 annas for balance of y^{t} account of Silver sent to Rojamaull, but by the subsequent account in books M where silver sent per Mr. Vincent y^{e} next year at y^{e} same rates to Rojamaull to y^{e} account of Rupees 211,166 y^{t} was gained R^{u} 19,009, and by the same proporcõn the 87,195 R^{u} sent per Mr. March should have produced R^{u} 7849 if not more, and by this account y^{e} Company appear to be wronged near R^{u} 7,000 per Mr. Marches account thus balanced, which although it may be done ignorantly by the accountant yet Mr. Vincent could not but understand y^{e} matter fully when he paid y^{e} person, abovesaid, who if he had bin as zealous of y^{e} Company intrest as Mr. Marches would have done y^{m} right in this as well as creditted Mr. March as aforesaid and y^{e} Company doe enorder the Chief and Councell to consider thereof, for they are not satisfied y^{t} their treasure should be adventured in the hands of Natives to their loss.

Y^{e} Company doe observe y^{t} you charge y^{m} at Interest high contrary to orders, and although you have bin plentifully furnished with treasure above y^{e} proportion of goods required from you, also you have drawn on y^{m} by extra to y^{e} value of ____, yet you have taken up at Interest severall somes am^{o} to r— which somes at Interest, although they are taken up at reasonable rates as 1 and 1¼ per C^{te} yet y^{e} Company cannot think that there is any such necessity for such considerable somes of money so taken up at Interest, and doe order y^{t} y^{e} Chief and Councell doe forbare to put any unnecessary charge uppon them, y^{e} Company take notice y^{t} you continue to adventure y^{e} Treasure in the hands of natives to Rojamaull (as Mr. March did before you and that without consultacõn) there to be sold or coyned as you express it, but you doe not in your said books forme any account of ye said coynage nor say wt was sould or wt coyned, if you consult ye Company rules and orders &c you will finde yt you doe not as you ought comply with ym, and such your rash adventuring of their estates they cannot approve of, but declare whatever cassually may happen therein or damage occure to them thereby they doe expect full reparacõn to be made them by the Chiefe, and doe by these reinforce ye former instruccõon and order that if any imergency should happen for ye putting of their estate, treasure &c yt you doe it per consultation, sending one or more of their ablest factors therewith, and not to trust ye natives only.

The Silke Invoyced home this year falls short in weight much more than any ever did before being near 12 perc which in ye whole parcell is very considerable and for which they require satisfaction from the Chief, for yt they are informed yt insted of 72 tolas per seere that is allowed to them only 68 tollas per seere, yt in all buyings and sellings ye Chief doth act without consultation, keeping all things secritt from the servants of the factory with him. The Taffatyes also we are informed are much overrated, those reconed or rated as you terme it 8 ru per peece we are informed cost one with another no more than 6½ r., and those of 7½ cost but 6 ru or little more, those of 7 ru cost 6u &c, which in the whole is, above one rup. per peece overrated ye said reconing of one rup. per peece amounts to 13,072. Which information as it comes from one who is well acquainted with ye same so we give creditt thereunto and charge the overrate to the Chief's accountant until the contrary be fully made out to us here, ye Company expect from the Chief to have right done them in the true prices of ye goods both bought and sould, for they cannot answer it in respect of yt trust committed to them, neither will they suffer any such abuses to pas, and therefore doe strictly order and comand ye Chief and Councell to take good heede thereto and to give them a full and satisfactory account thereof, for yt otherwise they cannot but require it to be made good to them by the offending party and his security.

Charge brought to account in these Books.

9. Charges Generall Ru 5147-9½, charges diet Ru 1529 with 2 familys, 16 Accot Presents 211-6, the charges for this year are much higher yn ever they were and good ytce of ye charges gennerall belongs to charges diet, and although you seeme to plead some excuse for it where you want ye nomber of persons and with all express, yt 2 families did reside there at once, and you are to take notice yt the Company will not pay all ye factors sallereys and bear all the charge of their numerous familys which may be very exorbitant and extravigant as this seemes to be.

Notwithstanding yt mencõn is made in severall places of severall persons, or factors at Cassambuzar, yet no consultation appearing, its evident yt Mr. Vincent ye present Chief walkes after ye stepps of Mr. March, his predecessor in doing all things by himself and according to his own will without consultacõn, wch the Company doe soe highly resent, in case they doe not find y, Chief to mend in this particular, they order yt all miscariages to their prejudice be charged to his particular account whome they cannot esteeme to be faithfull to them so long as he acts contrary to all order and instruccõns whatsoever given.

The generall account are badly written, &c.

Objeccõns against severall particulars in Cassambuzar Books.

Jourll. N. O. P. Q. and R. from 30th 7ber 1672 to 30th April 1677 Matt. Vincent, Chief.

In Book N 25. The Companye find their account Current Debitted of. Rupes for A.

Compasicon as ye tended pd on ye Death of Rugo Pouder	13,387	0	0
More for presents given on said accompt	269	9	0
More Rugo Powdars' debt hereby lost	521	2	0
Besides other moneys disburst in charges not yet discouvered, ru	14,177	11	0

Now although this business of Rugo Powder hath past under some Exammenacõn, yet it being at such a time when Mr. Vincent was in power as Chief and thereby inabled to injure any of those w^{ch} should accuse him, &^{c} yet by y^{e} Examenacõn taken he appears not fully innocent in y^{t} matter, although much of y^{e} truth seemed to lye hid, which its hoped will noe all of it out there as well as here, and the Company require there Agent and Councell to right them herein.

In Book No. 19.—Charges Genne^{ll} is made D^{r} to cash for Mr. Vincent's travelling charges as s^{d} to and from Ballasore				r^{u} 150	0		
In Book O 7.—Mr. Vincents charges to Hughly .	r^{u} 60	0	7	234	0	542	2
9.— Do. going to hott bathes .	r^{u} 64	0	2				
13.—More Arrack given away in 3 y^{rs} time	r^{u} 110	0	0				
In Book P 7.—Mr. Vincents charges to & from Ballasore	r^{u} 148	0	2	158	2		
Boat hire 10th Mr. Vincent's servants Nessera	r^{u} 10	0	0				

The charges above said being large and much exceeding others on the like occations who are allowed from 10 to 20 Rupees at y^{e} most, y^{e} Company have allways directed y^{t} noe more be expended in journeys, &^{c}, uppon their account y^{n} w^{t} is of, absolute nesessity, and that a good reason be rendred for y^{e}same, for y^{t} any overcharge or pompous and unnecessary Traynes to inflame their charge they doe not allow of, but enorder y^{t} Mr. Vincent doe make them good with interest whatever shall appear soe wastfully spent herein, and as to r^{u} 64 spent in going to hot baths and arrack given away in three years time they belong to Mr. Vincent only, y^{e} Company sending out medicins yearly and doe not approve of giving away y^{e} estate at pleasure, but in order y^{t} each particular persons make good his own bounty as well as charity with his own estate as is both equall and just.

In book page 3.

Profitt and loss made D^{r} to Merchants of Sedulapaore said to be expended in Warehous Roome and servant's wages there . . . . Rs. 140 10 which is an abuse, only y^{e} goods being sold at a sett prise to be p^{d} in m^{o} 4 time and soe consequently nothing could be due for Warehous roome at Sedulapoore, y^{e} Company require y^{t} they be righted herein and y^{e} money paid them back as it ought, or made good by Mr. Vincent, &c., who allowed of such an unjust pretence to their prejudice.

Objeccons against some particulars in Cassambuzar Books N. O. P. Q. and R. continued.

Our Journal 20.

Voyage to Rajamaull D^{r} to cash for 12 maunds 20 seers Lead and silver, Ru 437-8 mixt being y^{e} same persell sould 3rd October last Journal page 3rd, it doth fully appeare y^{t} this persell was remains of wt coyned at Rajamaull 1672 and then sold to some Merchants of Cassambuzar with other treasure, but how cash comes to have creditt for this persell is such a Riddle that cannot here be Resolved, for if the Merchants did not require this mixt mettle at Rajamaull they and not cash ought to have credit for the same. But it seemes here to be a doble error in cash to be examined and rectified

In book R.

Its observed y^{t} there is brought as Remaines in y^{e} hand of the Weavours . . . 36,257-6

But justly is very questionable, or w^{t} ple : thereof is really due from said Weavours, in regard y^{t} this account in all these books appear to be only an account in gross somes, y^{e} entries abstruce and unsatisfactory, every some charged as paid to said Weavours being questionable, and the rather in regard y^{t} in books Q Jour^{ll} pa to cash is made d^{o} to Weavours ru 1575 said to be charged by mistake to said Weavours account more then was really paid them which error not being discoverable by y^{e} books sent more such may be made, wherefore y^{e} Company enorder y^{t} the particular account of these Weavours be looked into and they examined as to what really remains in their hands, y^{t} whatever shall be found to come shorte may be made good by said Mr. Vincent from Mr. March remained in books L. Mr. Vincent having in his answer to y^{e} Auditor's queryes owned y^{e} receiving y^{e} said Mr. Marches remains as good, and certified the Company touching Mr. Marches Estate to be clear from error as to said remains, &c.

In all these Books.

Its noted that both charges Genn^{ll} and charges Diett are great, y^e latter much exceeding the Company allowance, to alleviate which its hinted in several places that two families as well as single persons were in diett at said times. It had bin hinted in the former paper sent y^t y^e Company are not obliged to maintain families in diett, only y^e factors to whom they allow wages, soe y^t what appears expended more then y^e Company allowance of 20$^£$ per head, &^{c}, is to be made good by Mr. Vincent, the Chief, who ought to have taken due care herein.

Its further observed that in these and petty charge Books Linnens and other necessaryes bought for the factory's use and which are Stores or household necessaryes in being are writt off by charges Genn^{ll} as if spent soe soone as bought. which is a contradiccõn to y^e Company's order, that a particular Account should be kept of all stores and necessarys in use and not writt off by charges Generall untill spent, and then a good reason to be rendred for such expence, &^{c}. But these things having already bin written about in former papers sent and not at all complyed with by Mr. Vincent who as its informed acts arbitrarily and absolutely, y^e Company enorder y^t a particular account be now taken of all stores and necessaryes in being and that what shall appear imbazalled be made good by Mr. Vincent, &^{c}.

Its further observed from y^e Books of charges Gennerall and y^t Beetle nut, paper and inck, firewood and oyle with Clouts for the Lamps and candles are monthly reconed at one price, which shews the same computed only, for its not probable y^t these charges should be alike in every month, wherefore there must be some pretended perquisite raysed hereby, which the Company allow not of, but enorder y^t noe more be reconed then what really spent, and y^t those who have appropriated to themselves any gaine by such reconings doe make it good with Interest to their account or Mr. Vincent the Chiefe, for permitting such irregularityes.

Its further observed y^t in these Books there are many short and abstruce entries made (*viz.*) of moneys said to be delivered to Silk Merchants and Weavors for Silk or Taffityes, but no mecon made of how much Silke or how many Taffityes are to be brought in for the same, which is a great peece of negligence at y^e best, for its fully knowne y^t uppon each peece or Taffitye and seere of Silke moneys are imprested (*viz.*) from 2 to 4 r^u per peece of seere according to y^e Bargaine made, but these short entries serve only to keepe y^e Company in y^e darke, both as to prizes and Complyance of the Weavours, &^{c}, with their Contracts, and to impose upon them without any possability of contradiction, y^e Company expect y^t right be done them herein, (*viz.*)

1st.—That all contracts and moneys delivered uppon y^e same as daly duly and truly, and soe alsoe particularly and with such syrcomstances as may render y^e same Intelligable as to quantities and prizes agreed uppon and espetially when Silk or Taffatyes are brought in weighed or measured, to enter y^e quantities and prizes of such goods plainly particularly and not as in these books to creditt y^e Silk Merchants by Bales and money and the Weavours account by y^e word Taffatyes and by money without any particulars, which appears to be very strange paticulars so y^t whatever wrong y^e Company have sustayned thereby y^e Agent and Councell are required to doe them right herein, and alsoe to see in y^e future y^t in y^e Ledger as well as the Journall, account an be held of peeces of Taffatyes and mds and sere of silk received in and delivered out, and the same to be ballanced as well as y^e monye in y^e sev^{ll} folios where such accounts are kept which ought to be &^{c}.

The Company were formerly advised from y^e Bay y^t Mr. Vincent did wrong them both in y^e prizes and weight of silk, in y^e price of Taffatyes (*viz.*) from one to two Rupees uppon each peece of Taffatyes, y^t as by y^e former papers sent may appear, which thing although it hath bin under examination yet with some disadvantagious cyrcumstances, as aforesaid wherefore its thought requisite y^t the same things againe be more fully looked into, and the Books as well as the persons consulted with, y^t y^e truth hereof may more evidently appeare and Company be satisfied therein.

Its further observed y^{t} too many punes and India servants are imployed, more y^{n} can be thought necessary, being 2 or 3 Cooks and assistance, with a Gatekeeper and a doggkeeper which last 2 seeme to be absurd things here, and not worke for any one person much less for two. Wherefore, herein, as in all others the Company require frugallyty; and that noe more be employed then what is of absolute necessity, &$^{c.}$, and the overcharge herein to be made good by Mr. Vincent who ought to have followed y^{e} orders given him by the Company in this matter, &$^{c.}$

The Companye reserve liberty to themselves to make such further observations, &^{c}. To the Books and Accounts and irregularities of Mr. Vincent at y^{e} Bay and Cassambuzar as they shall hereafter discover to have bin acted by y^{e} said Mr. Vincent to their prejudice.

By order of y^{e} Governor, &^{c}., signed,

(*per*) P. COSSENS,

Audito^{r}.

1st December 1681.

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Copy of a letter from the Honorable Company to M^{r} STUYNSHAN MASTER,
dated London, 5th of January 16$\frac{80}{81}$.

Finding by your indentures bearing date y^{e} 16: December 1675 that your five years service for us will be expired by y^{e} 7: of July next, we have after serious debate found expedient for our service and resolved by y^{e} Ballot that upon y^{e} arrivall of this year's Shipping at y^{e} Fort, you be dismist our Imployment and sent for home by this shipping, notwithstanding which if it fall out, so that by reason of your own businesse you cannot, without damage to yourselfe come home by this year's shipping, in such case we are content that you doe stay within our Town of Madraspatam, and under our government there at your own charge or otherwise as we have directed by our commission one year longer to dispatch your own affaires; and if it should so happen that our ships should arrive at our Fort sometime before y^{e} said 7th of July next by which our present Agent M^{r} William Gyfford comes to take place before your fores^{d} time by indenture is fully out, we shall however pay you your full sallary and gratuity as if you had served us your full time of five years. Upon our new elected Agent M^{r} Gyfford's arrivall we require you immediately to resign to him y^{e} place of our Agent and Governour and to deliver to him all our money in cash, all our bookes, writeings and papers, and with all convenient speed all other our remaines whatsoever, togeather with our Fort St. George, all ammunition and Artillery, and other things whatsoever belonging to us according to our commission and instructions sent with him which he will cause to be read to you and y^{e} rest of our Councell, Factors, Officers and servants; whereunto we require you and every of them to give due and entire obedience, and if it should please God that our said new appointed Agent M^{r} Gyfford should not arrive with our ships, we doe then order you to resign the place of Agent and Governour immediately to M^{r} Hymners, and in case of his death or absence, to M^{r} John Bridger, whom we have appointed to succeed in that Agency; so we commend you and our affaires to God's protection and rest,

Your loving friends, &c., &c., &c.

Extract of a letter from the Honorable Company to the Agent, Governour and Councell at Fort St. George, dated London, the 5th January 16$\frac{80}{81}$:—

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M^{r} Masters unequall dealing with M^{r} Charnock and a positive order that M^{r} Charnock proceed from Pattana as Chief of Cassambuzar.

14. Wee are in your letters troubled with long sections concerning y^{e} method of succession, you make y^{e} doctrine more intricate then y^{e} text, and at last abuse shamefully contradictory to either of them, as you did in y^{e} case of our old and good servant M^{r} Job Charnock who had y^{e} right indisputably of succession as you call it, besides our expresse order to be Chiefe of Cassambuzar, a person that hath served us faithfully above 20 years and has never as wee understand been a proposser for himselfe beyond what was just and modest, who therefore wee are resolved shall not live unrewarded by us. Our letters were plaine enough that he should be Chiefe of Cassambuzar, and at the same time second of y^{e} Bay in degree, and to succeed M^{r} Vincent as Chiefe of y^{e} Bay in case of his death or removeall, his staying at Pattana to dispatch y^{e} Petre books was his care and duty to our service, that being a matter of such concernment as he verry well knew to y^{e} dispatch of our ships, and therefore Agent Master did verry ill and contrary to his duty and y^{e} trust reposed in him in takeing hold of that pretence to dispossesse an honest man of y^{e} just reward of his fidelity due to him by all right. Wee doe therefore require our Agent Gyfford and Councill that upon your arrivall at the Fort, you doe immediately dispatch an Expresse to M^{r} Charnock with the contents of so much of this letter as concerns him and our affaires at Pattana, ordering him therein with all possible expedition to settle all our affaires there,

M^{r} Littleton to go 2^{d} at Hughly or if he like it not to have leave to come home tho y^{e} company have good thoughts of him.

and leave them in a regular and due method, and from thence presently repaire to Cassambuzar to take y^{e} remaines from M^{r} Littleton, and y^{e} possession of our factory and affaires as Chiefe at Cassambuzar, and that M^{r} Littleton if he like it proceed to be second at Hughly and to have y^{e} place of third in y^{e} Bay; if he like not this, wee give him leave to come home although he be a person whom we have good thoughts of, as you may perceive by our last year's letters, but we will not be disobeyed by any that serve us.

Agent Master sysmaticall proposition for new settlements rejected.

if Agent Gyfford turn out any person for misdemeanour, next to succeed.

15. As to y^{e} quarees you make concerning succession of our chiefs at Madapollam & Metchlepatam and y^{e} systemn you give us for a new settlement, you have puzled yourselfe and us so long with that kind of grammar that wee are weary of it and doe resolve, that except what hath been said before in y^{e} case of M^{r} Charnock and M^{r} Littleton, and except what ourselves may hereafter direct, that all persons shall hold y^{e} same stations and be at y^{e} same salleries they were by the list now sent home, other then such as our Agent Gyfford and Councill shall find cause to expell our service for unfaithfullnesse, misdemeanors or neglects, and in such case we would have those next below in degree, if they be deserving to supply y^{e} roomes of those that shall be deceased or soe rejected till our further order be known.

orders for regulating y^{e} factories in y^{e} Bay approved of.

16. The orders you have made for regulating our factories in y^{e} Bay and other places wee think to be excellent; good form and order, wee know is needfull in all businesses but y^{e} life, soule and successe of every affaire consists in frugallity, fidelity, care and diligence, and if you be not carefull to hold all our Servants to y^{e} performance of those orders they will signifie nothing.

no person to be of Councill at y^{e} Fort but those 6 plast my^{e} front of y^{e} lr^{t}

M^{r} Davis and M^{r} Sayon to be preferred at y^{e} Bay or Metchlepatam.

17. If any person beside those six first named in y^{e} title or front of this letter should be removed into y^{e} Councill, no such person (not named as aforesaid, shall have vote or suffrage therein after y^{e} arrivall of these ships or any other be received into Councill, but in case of y^{e} decease of any of y^{e} six before named without our own expresse order, notwithstanding wee doe direct and order you, our Agent Gyfford and Councill so constituted as aforesaid, to preferre M^{r} John Davis and M^{r} Vincent Sayon to some of y^{e} Councill in y^{e} Bay or Metchlepatam upon y^{e} next vacancy or occasion, and if there should be occasion for y^{e} Chiefe of y^{e} Bay at any time to be at Fort St. George, he may take his place between y^{e} third and fourth in Councill, but that is more *honoris gratiâ* then for businesse.

orders made in y^{e} Pay y^{e} 12th Dec^{r} and at Metchlepatam y^{e} 10th and 14th January well approved of and y^{e} due execution of them strictly enjoyned.

18. Wee doe agree with you that neglecting to ballance and coppy y^{e} bookes of Accounts within a month after y^{e} day prefixed in which they ought to be ballanced may be of greater prejudice to us then a Chiefe not sending y^{e} diary and Accounts of Cash monthly, but neither of them is tollerable and both may bee cured if you doe execute without partiallity, y^{e} orders made in y^{e} Bay y^{e} 12th of December and at Maddapallam and Metchlepatam y^{e} 10th and 14th January last, which wee doe hereby confirme and require you to forbeare none of our Servants neglect of y^{e} execution of them, to which purpose wee shall send you 6 or 8 adult persons this yeare who shall reside at y^{e} Fort and there be verst in our businesse and from thence shall be sent as occasion offers, or as you our Agent and Councill shall judge them fitting, to be of inferiour Councills in the Bay, Metchlepatam and other places in y^{e} roome of others deceased or displaced, where you shall find any of our Servants to neglect their duties, our orders, or other orders made by you for our service.

nothing to be allowed to M^{r} Nurse.

19. Wee shall allow nothing to M^{r} Nurse or any such disorderly persons, and wee expect your care to prevent their being in our houses, or at our tables to be an ill example to others, or any charge to us.

Inconveniency of freight goods to be laden on ye Company's ships to Metchlepatam or ye Bay.

20. Wee are informed that ye delay of ye dispatch of our ships in ye Bay and at Metchlepatam was occasioned by abundance of private trade that went and returned up with them, wherefore for ye future wee doe enjoyn you absolutely to prohibit our Commanders from taking in any kind of goods to carry from Fort St. George to Metchlepatam or ye Bay or any other place, or to bring any goods from thence, except for ye Company, for wee vallue not those pittifull freights with respect to ye speedy dispatch of our ships.

ye great quantity of private trade that went up and down with Mr Master lessened the Investment at ye Bay.

21. You guessed at many reasons that slacked and lessened our Investments in ye Bay, and probably there may be somewhat in each of them, but wee are assured that the great quantity of private trade that went down and up with Agent Master was likewise no small hindrance which wee order to bee avoided for ye future that wee may have cause to continue that boundlesse indulgence wee give to our Servants to trade with their own estates to all parts of India.

Mr Hatton, Mr Tivill, &c. &c. &c. did not acquit themselves well.

22. How well Mr Hatton, Mr Tivill and Mr Wynn have acquitted themselves this yeare you will understand by ye quality of ye goods received from them. If they had not done better formerly, and wee hope they will doe better in ye next, wee should not trust them to a further experiment.

ye excuse given for ye Merchants Impertinent.

Mr Bridger required to hold them strictly to their Masters.

23. Wee observe the impertinent and threadbare excuse you give for ye Merchants, by which wee suppose you mean Verona and his partners making their cloth so bad *viz.*: dearness of cotton, they cannot live by ye price &c. whereas wee know they gaine vast estates by us and live accordingly and might yet live better, if they have not many hard bargaines forced upon them on others accounts not ours which wee require to be redressed; and that Mr Bridger ye warehouse keeper and ye persons wee design for his assistant be required to hold them strictly to ye goodnesse of their musters, without that all your contracts how wisely so ever they be made signifie not two farthings, pretending to buy our cloath 10 ℘ C° cheaper then formerly and being in thinnesse and sooting 20 ℘ C° worse.

ye inventing of new fashion Stuffes proves a detriment to ye sale of ye old.

24. Wee doe not dislike ye manner of your application to us for a further enlargement of our indulgences for new invented stuffes, but ye matter of it wee doe totally reject, having found by experience that new stuffes work upon ye old ones as dried Spratts doe upon red herrings, the former pull downe ye price of ye latter though they be not directly ye same.

The Commanders, Mates, &c., have taken ye oath of freemen.

25. Wee take notice of 2 or 3 paragraphs you write about our shipping wherein wee observe nothing considerable but ye proposall that all ye owners shall take ye oath of a freeman, which wee shall consider of in due time. In ye meanwhile all ye Commanders, Mates, Pursers, and Cherurgeons have taken that oath, ye rest will keep cold to be further thought of.

persons that receive more sallary then by ye Company's rules limited both payer and receiver to be turned out of service.

26. You cannot too often inculcate our orders that none of our servants be permitted to have more sallery paid them then is by our rules limitted, and in case any one doe receive more, turn out ye payer and receiver upon ye first knowledge thereof, and put more orderly persons in their places.

Approbation of what done about private trade and dustick.

27. What you have done about private trade in ye country Dustucks wee like well, and shall like it better hereafter, if you hold all persons to those rules. Perseverance being ye life of businesse as well as of religion.

Dislike of Agent Masters propositions of encreasing sallaries and allowances.

28. Wee shall encrease no sallaries nor make any further allowance to our servants then wee have done; ye late Agent Master having so burthened us with motion of that kind that he hath turned our stomacks against you. To be free with you it lookes like a design of an espousing, endearing and setting up

a seperate interest against your employers at home, which is as vaine in y^{e} attempt as it would prove monstruous and detestible in y^{e} event; it is enough that for one person wee have occasion to send abroad wee have a hundred solicitors here, and for any that are abroad, if they like not our service and allowances, free liberty they have to leave them and come home when they will.

y^{e} Company will not meddle with y^{e} estates of deceased freemen.

29. Touching intestate persons not in our service wee shall give no order about their estates, it being not with our good liking, though it be by our connivance y^{t} some of them stay there after they are out of our imployment.

The irregular way of y^{e} public examination of M^{r} Cholmley.

30. Your dealing with M^{r} Cholmley looks more like a practice to bring him of then a purpose to discover y^{e} frauds and abuses done to ourselfes and others in y^{e} former year's investment of Diamonds. You know well enough that in such a publique way of examination nothing was like to be discovered, and that y^{e} surer way had been to have made private enquirees of those abuses; in such cases hereafter we hope you will be cordiall to our interest and your own knowing y^{t} men y^{t} goe about to deceive us doe but dance in a net which everybody sees through whilst themselfes think they are under covering.

no arrears of sallary to be laid out in Building.

Concerning all English vessells touching at y^{e} Fort.

31. Wee have retracted y^{e} payment of y^{e} arrears of sallary at Bombay which wee formerly allowed to bee laid out in buildings there, and therefore wee shall give no way to y^{e} payment of such arrears for that or any other ends at Fort S^{t} George or elsewhere, neither doe wee yet see cause sufficient to direct all Inglishmen's vessells to touch at Fort St. George or Bombay, notwithstanding all your arguments upon that point seem to have some shew of reason in them and something ellse of private interest.

Dislike of perpetuall contracts, tho at present it is permitted.

32. Your contracts for treasure or computation of Bullion at Cassambuzar wee hope may be for our service, but length of time must determine that. All your other perpetuall contracts wee doe utterly dislike, there being many holes left for y^{e} Merchants to creep out at, esspecially while our goods are so ill sorted, but wee should be indispensibly tied if wee should approve of their perputuity which wee will never though for order sake you may goe on in y^{e} same method for your next year's investment, and so forward as wee shall see cause and not otherwise.

Concerning Maulda and Decca factories.

33. Wee have well considered what you write concerning Decca and Maulda factories, and upon y^{e} whole matter wee doe resolve to continue Decca factory in y^{e} same hands as formerly or so many of them as shall be liveing when this comes to your hands. Wee know M^{r} Hervy hath parts good enough to do our business as well as his own, and wee hope our kindneese to him in this resolution will cause him to exert his utmost diligence in our service and render himselfe in our opinions a diligent, faithfull and gratefull servant. Besides in regard you say y^{e} same goods may be provided at Maulda as at Decca, wee doe rather incline to keep both factories, that wee may judge by y^{e} goods when they come home who serves us best in y^{e} price and quality of y^{e} goods, besides which wee have another advantage that by y^{e} said two factories wee can enlarge our investments in those kind of commodities to what degree wee please, whereas wee find by experience wee pay for it in the quality of our goods whatever price you account upon or agree for.

of M^{r} Edwards death.

34. Wee take notice of M^{r} Edwards death and vanity of his life, and desire your further care to see y^{e} company fully righted out of what he left behind him.

By y^{e} neglect of y^{e} sorters at Metchlepatam, y^{e} Merchants made amends for their losse by y^{e} storme.

35. You give us a relation at length of y^{e} damage done by y^{e} tempest at Metchlepatam and y^{e} demand of y^{e} merchants for an allowance in consideration of that damage which you put of with good words, &c., but wee find to our losse that did not serve their turn thro'

yᵉ neglect of our storekeeper or sorter, for in yᵉ quality of yᵉ goods they have sufficiently reprised themselfes of that losse.

Abuse of yᵉ sortment of longcloth and Sallampoores for Bantam. Agent Gyfford &c desired to over looke yᵉ godownes at their leasure.

36. Wee observe what you say in excuse for yᵉ long cloth, Sallampoores, &c. sent by yᵉ *Tywan* to Bantam, and notwithstanding all that is alledged wee have yet too much cause to fear there was an abuse in that sortment yᵉ rather, because wee see yᵉ same with our own eyes in yᵉ like goods received from your place this year, and wee have no cause to think that those for Bantam should be better but rather worse, wherefore we doe desire that our Agent Gyfford and all others of yᵉ Councill as their other businesse will give leasure, would looke into the godownes and inspect yᵉ sortments of our goods which is yᵉ maine thing on which our businesse depends as much as upon yᵉ contract itselfe.

a promise of sending better medicines.

37. Your frequent complaints and wee believe just ones of yᵉ medicaments sent from hence hath caused us to put by all that served us so ill formerly, to order yᵉ buying of other men this year, by means whereof wee hope you will be better supplied.

Of yᵉ investments of silk and orders for yᵉ enlargement of them.

38. Wee having now answared all yᵉ materiall paragraphs of your said letter, except 2 or 3 wee reserve for further consideration, wee shall proceed to other matters, and first being resolved upon larger investments in silk then you have yet made us notwithstanding our urgent and frequent demands which wee did hope our late Agent Master would have throughly effected when he put us upon charge of a voyage so farre as Cassambuzar, wee doe now send a large stock for that purpose and doe write effectully to Mʳ Charnock to put our orders concerning that commodity in effectuall execution, which wee should have you inculcate to him and our Councill there.

referred to yᵉ section in yᵉ Bay letter order that silke be bought in and about Cassambuzar and Hughly.

39. Wee are likewise informed by Mʳ Read that great quantities of raw silk may be bought in and about Hughly and Ballasore though not altogether so cheap as at Cassambuzar, wee would have you order yᵉ vallue of them to be imployed in that commodity in those places, yᵉ repartition whereof wee shall leave to you, but according to our information they may well be invested therein at Hughly and the remaining being left at Ballasore.

40. In regard wee find upon reading your consultation booke that severall sorts of Bay goods usually provided at Hughly may as well bee had at Ballasore, and in regard wee design a great enlargement of our investments in yᵉ Bay as also for yᵉ reason before given in another like case, *vizᵗ*, that wee may see here from whence wee have yᵉ best as well as yᵉ cheapest goods, wee would have you immediately give order for yᵉ contracting for and yᵉ providing of 6 or 8000℔ worth of such sort of goods as may be had there, for the particulars whereof wee referre you to yᵉ list herewith sent, and any other new sorts that are pleasent to yᵉ eye, strong and cheap.

The Diamond trade wholely taken into yᵉ Company's hands and a stock of 60,000£ sent.

That yᵉ Investment be made at yᵉ Fort,

41. The next thing wee are to acquaint you with is, that upon mature consideration wee have taken into yᵉ Company's own hands yᵉ whole trade of Diamonds as you will perceive by a coppy of an order of Court sent you herewith in which wee have taken such care for yᵉ honest encouragement of our Agent and Councill as well as for yᵉ Commanders and owners of shipps, that wee think no resonable men can find themselfes aggreived at anything therein conteyned, if there be any yet that shall mislike our resolution, wee only wish wee were rid of such servants and that they could find better masters. The stock that wee have sent out this year to be imployed in that commodity as you will perceive by yᵉ invoices is 60,000£ but wee doe expressly enjoyn that none of it be sent up to yᵉ mines, nor any Diamonds bought but at yᵉ Fort, which wee doubt not but in few years to make yᵉ Mart of India for that commodity. If our Agent and Councill doe their parts, well knowing that notwithstanding all you say trade will follow money and force its own method of exchange conveyance,

&c., of which wee have had many-fold experience in other places and some of us at that town of Madras where 10,000 Pagds might have been invested in one yeare so long since as in Agent Foxcraft's time, and if at first they doe not come to our Town so plentifully or cheap, our Agent and Councill being ye sole buyers for England may stand of till ye sellers are reduced to reason and dispose of all or part of ye stock in many other wayes to our advantage, but most advantageously by enlargeing our investments at Cassambuzar and in ye Bay which wee doe accordingly order to be done in such case.

An able bookekeeper sent to the Bay.

42. Wee now send you an able bookekeeper as most this Citty affoards of his years to reside at Hughly at ye sallary of 40£ per annum, to bee bookekeeper generall of ye Bay but not to be of ye Councill there or elsewhere in ye Bay, because those Councills are full and wee will not disturb ye order they are in already, but in as much as ye keeping of such small bookes is not imploymt enough for so ready a penman, wee have ordered ye said bookekeeper Mr Mountage to doe any other service as writing out of Invoices or to do any other businesse whatsoever that ye Chiefe and Councill there shall putt him upon and neveryelesse wee doe expect ye charge of seeing ye accounts duly entered and sent to ye head factory shall rest upon ye second as formerly. Though wee doe affoard such an Assistant as Mr Mountage to yt factory in regard it so much concerns us to have it kept in order.

If full returnes bee made then a promise to enlarge ye stock.

43. Wee wrote you last yeare verry earnestly to make us full returnes from all places which wee hope you have effected, and wee then promised you that ye larger our returnes were ye greater increase wee intended to make of our stock in Bullion to you, which you will find by our Invoices that wee have fully performed, and now wee must say ye same thing if ye return of this stock doth fully answare our outsett wee shall goe on in enlargeing proportionably, there being in ye Bay esspecially so many new sorts of goods and such vent for them here that ye trade of that place may in a few yeares bee exceedingly enlarged, if ye seed that wee sow (*vizt* our stock in ready money) bee as well cultivated by our people there.

The greatnesse of ye private Trade, the reason why ye Bay letters were not sent.

44. The not sending us ye Bay letters, Invoyces, &c. by this years shipping gives us too great confirmation of what wee have heard that they were overmuch crowded and incumbered with ye burthen of private trade, and ye frameing Co-partnershipps indentures, &c., which wee hope you will take care to prevent ye damage of hereafter, at that season of ye year when our shipps are there, at other times when it may not hurt us wee wish our servants as good luck in tradeing with their own stocks as they can desire, but if they trade with ours they shall be forthwith dismissed our Service.

order that 100 touns Sticklacke be sent home.

45. Though wee have mentioned before wee doe again commend to your esspeciall care ye providing for us to come by this shipping 100 tons pegu sticklack not so much for ye account it will turn to here as for ye Increase of our Tonnage, it being our endeavour to encrease as much ye navigation of ye Kingdom as our own estates, and upon that reason wee shall endeavour to send you by these shipps for ye Bay 2 hemp dressers and one or 2 spinners and a Weavor that may put them into away of making such hempen Saille cloth as this Kingdom is usually supplied with from France and Holland commonly called Noyles Canvas and Holland's Duck.

Two hemp dressers sent to ye Bay for makeing of sail cloth.

List of goods to be provided one coppy for Agent Gyfford another for Mr Vincent.

46. With this you will receive our generall list of goods to be provided at all places within your Agency, in ye composeing whereof wee found ourselves at a great losse for want of ye Bay Invoices, and were forced to supply that defect as well as wee could by conjecture and ye account of our sales here of which we have given Agent Gyfford one coppy and sent another to Mr Vincent for your and his government. You will see by ye list that wee have given you and him great

Liberty of sending new samples of goods to England.

liberty to enlarge in y^{e} new sort of goods of which wee have had musters this yeare, and if there be as wee know there are many other kinds of which wee never had samples in England which you may reasonably conjecture will turn to account, you may send us 6 or 8 Bales of each sort for y^{e} enlargement of our Investment and makeing our returnes and Tonnage compleat.

Shipps sent for y^{e} Coast and Bay this year.

47. The shipps wee design for y^{e} coast and Bay this year are y^{e} *Bengala Merchant*, Capt$^{n.}$ John Goldsbroug, burthen 570 Tonns, y^{e} *Golden Fleece*, Cap$^{t.}$ James Cooke, burthen 565 Tonns, y^{e} *George*, Cap^{t} Nehemiah Earning, burthen 570 tonns, y^{e} *Cæsar*, Cap^{t} Jonathan Andrewes, burthen 530 Tonns, and y^{e} *Anne*, Cap^{t} Neanard Brown, burthen 460 Tonns, whereof wee intend y^{e} *George* and y^{e} *Anne* shall saille directly for y^{e} Bay as soone as they come off y^{e} Cape of Good Hope that they may have their money there in due time.

M Master ordered to pay back his whole gratuity and halfe sallary with India Interest.

48. Our late Agent Master his takeing of his whole sallary and gratuity in India was such a bare faced presumption as wee have never met with y^{e} like. S^{r} W^{m} Langhorn had some coulor for his doeing it, *viz^{t}* his haveing left in our hands above y^{e} vallue of his gratuity and halfe sallary being his ꝑmission money for Dyamonds, so that wee doe require y^{e} said M^{r} Master to pay back y^{e} said whole gratuity and halfe sallary by him extraordinary charged to account, and see that wee bee satisfied for y^{e} same with East India Interest as wee ordered in y^{e} case of S^{r} W^{m} Langhorn.

No persons to be made of Councill, but by ye Company's order, except upon y death or removall of persons.

49. Wee observe in our late Agent Master's progresse to y^{e} Bay that he often tooke in some of those which he accounts as senior Merchants to be of y^{e} extraordinary Councill (as he calls it) which is a practice we doe not like nor will permitt in any case for the future which wee would have you to observe, notwithstanding anything we have formerly writ or any rules we have formerly made or y^{e} construction of them. Our expresse order is that no person be added to any of our Councills without our own order, except only in y^{e} case of death or removeall, and in such case y^{e} person so added to be only accounted probationall till he be confirmed by ourselfes.

100 or 150 tonns red Sanders to be sent this year and to agree with y^{e} Captains for a small freight.

50. Wee would have you send by our shipps y^{e} quantity of 100 or 150 tonns of red sandal wood agreeing with y^{e} Commanders of our shipps to bring it at a small freight it being but in y^{e} nature of tonnage, to lead your judgments wherein and induce y^{e} Commanders to reasonable terms you may remind them that wee have agreed for y^{e} freight of copper from Bantam this year upon y^{e} same reason for ££ 4 *s.* 13 *d.* 4 per tonne.

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Your Diary for M^{o} Dec^{r} 15th came to hand 10th with your last of the 7th Curr$^{tt.}$

Wee herewith returne you M^{r} Jonathan Prickman whome wee enorder to officiate as Second of your factory, and wee have ordered M^{r} Sam^{tt} Antony to come with him from Cassumbuzar to be Warehousekeeper, and accordingly require you to deliver those Sev^{tt} charges to them and send M^{r} Frenchfeild to us to his Purser's place appointed him here. In their charge wee have taken order from Cassumbazar y^{t} you be supplyed wth about R^{s} 50,000 for your investments, it will come wee hope in specie to you, and in such money as is current among your Weavers, whereby and your provident menaget wee question not but y^{e} whole investm^{t} desired from yo^{r} factory may be indifferently well secured:

On one boate wee have dispuded sev^{tt} to you, among which are ffactors stores and things for presents, all amo^{t} as ꝑ Invoyce inclosed to rupees 10,574 which give us Credd^{tt} for:

You have not advised us a word about y^{e} Saltpetre business at Porunia though you promissed it long since, wee could faine, if it could be, have an investment there of y^{t} Commodity, y^{t} wee might not wholly depend for it from Pattana, wee meeting of late with soe great steps and troubles there. Wee have therefore with M^{r} Prickman sent Cojah Ally Berdy Beague, y^{e} Armenian y^{t} brought y^{e} King's Phyrmaund to us from Dilly whome you may join with some experienced Jentue writer and send them with a small present to y^{t} place to be given as occasion may require. Their business is to make good enquiry what quantity of Petre may be got, at what rate y^{e} charge of bringing it thence, and y^{e} best way of bringing it free from Embarques &c^{a} necessary, and then to returne and advise you that if y^{e} thing appears feasable wee may take farther care about it. Wee have made the Armenians wages at R^{s} 15 ꝑ m^{o} and advanced two m^{os} pay to him here, and you are to continue it to him as well as that of y^{e} Jentue Servant, whome you are to agree with y^{e} best you can for wages and joine them in Comission to act jointly in their concern. Wee cannot but press you to put this business forward what you can, since if it does hit, it will be of exceedjgood import to the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} affaires in those partes:

Wee doe appoint henceforward y^{t} y^{e} residence of Rajamaull be wholly made your inspection, and that you pay the wages of y^{e} Vacqueele &c^{c}, necessary expences of that place w^{ch} you are to see y^{t} they be done wth all fragallity, the Vacqueele writes y^{t} y^{e} tymber and planeks sent us was paid for at Cossambuzar, soe that you are to regaine w^{t} money you sent thither lately on y^{t} acco^{tt}, only are to allow the Vacqueeles wages &c^{a} from y^{e} begining of Nov^{r} last thereunto, and y^{e} rest receive back as abovesaide, and pray have an eye over the Vacqueele there, who has possibly taken too much liberty while he hung between Cassumbazar and your ffactory:

At the request of a friend here wee have paide R^{s} 1,490 out of our M Cash here and enorder you to pay it there into their cash againe advising us thereof ꝑ your next, wee call not else to minds and y^{t} wee are:—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

M^{R} JOB CHARNOCK, &C$^{A.}$—Hugly, 24th Feb 168$\frac{0}{1}$.

LOVEING FRIENDS,—

Our last to you was dated the 20th ultimo since w^{ch} wee have not written you though there are some things requiring our notice and advice in your

Sevtts of 30th & 31st Decr last, the 13th and 25th January and 9th Currtt recd the last mo, and this whose answer has been protracted longer then ordinary by other more pressing business and after that by indisposition of body:

The sevll good as you advise in yours of the 17th Decr we all recd and are since shiped of for England, the last Invoyce of your goods alsoe followed with that of the 31st ditto mo wth two copies of your Diary and Consultation bookes, &a papers as you therein mentioned, but wee want one Copie of your Charges Gnll for last year wch will be necessary to be sent:

Cojah —— letter wch was sent you by the Cheife wee understand came safe to his hand, he have long since recd a civill answer thereto & wee are at present in very good terms of amity wth his Governmt there:

Wee are glad of Mr Job Charnock's safe arrivall to his station on Xmass day last, wishing good success in that cheifship. Mr Littleton arrived hither the 12th ultimo who brought ye Silver Scales and wets of which wee haveing noe other shall have yearly use for here, you cannot want ym soe much as you say, because you have a very good beame there. Wherewith for the whole time of his Cheifship in Casser wch was upwards of six years, and most of ye Comp's treasure to that factory, the Cheife now here had noe other Scales but those now wth you to weigh it all, nor did he ever find them faulty nor are they now. Wee shall henceforward send you up ye Silver weighed ꝑ siccaes as well as ꝑ Invoyce out of England, wee are very glad you have given on ye November bund whereby you have secured ye silke the best of ye year, wee note you visited and were Civilly entreated by Mahmud Moraud, and that you should take an oppertunity to waite on Bulchund alsoe, whome then you may present according to custome they not haveing yet been presented:

Wee recd ye Gnll from Pattana accompanyed by yours of ye 13th ulto, if ye peon you detained be a Cossidd from thence, then pray returne him with our accompy advises for that place, if he be a servant then let him proceed on a boate of sevtts sent for Pattana to take ye more care of her in ye way, and let him have a mo wages before hand or soe adviseing thereof thither of it, and let him proceed to ye boate which he will find between this and Mirdaudpore:

Wee perceive that ye Dying materialls came safe to you and note yt sevll came short in weight if not differing very much may be attributed to the sevll being sent out of great weights in slight dry cask, things soe heavy requiring such as are iron bound and strong as those none of them were ye voyage, and this being the last port they are ye oftener subject to damage by romageing soe that what they come short must be written that their accott may stand right in your bookes:

Wee have very little fine green in ye house, yet what wee can spare shall send you, with the other goods here undermentioned, and least you should want, shall supply you with a peice of ordinary green which came out very good this year, and except in extraordinary cases will supply the place of fine green looking ere almost as well:

The newes you write of Sultan Mossud wee have from Decca, of Sultan Fakharr who, on the day of the Duah, faught his father the whole day, and the wacka[*] saies they ——— on equall termes, the truth of these things since will make one, in the interim wee hope soe long as Shasteh Caune contine in Bengall he will be well able by his interest and great treasure to keep those kingdomes peace and quite which wee fear Hindostan will not long, especially near Dilly, or where ye king shall take up his residence:

The Warehouse employment being vacant, wee doe enorder yt our Sam Antony proceed thither to take yt employmt upon him, and that Tho. Hill doe take upon him the place of Purser or disburser of the charges of your factory of Cassumbazar:

On 8 boates wee have sent you sevlls among which are things for presents and factors stores amounting as ꝑ Invoyce inclosed to Rupees 43,583-11 as. 9 p., the 2 Chests silver wee enorder you to sell immediately, and to send their produce with rups 35,000, which wee hope hereby enorder you to take up at interest for ye Honble Compas accott all being agreed to be such money as is Currtt to ye Weavers at Maulda, that is to say weighty money, in charge of Mr

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[*] Wacka, properly Wāgé, ʻa navis, a news-writer, an intelligencer.

Jona: Prickman and Mr Samtt Antony to Maulda consigned to Mr Fytch Nedham &ca there for the Comys accott, this wee press you to use what expedition you can in geting performed:

Mr Thredder haveing in a ꝑticular letter desired leave to come downe upon a Matrimoniall accott wee give him licence for a time, you enordering some other of the Compas servants in the factory to take charge and care of his business in his absence:

Yours of ye 20th is come to hand with your Diary &ca as you therein advice, wee call not else to minds and that we are: —

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

MR SAMUELL HERVY, &ca,—Hugly, 24th Feby 168$\frac{0}{1}$.

LOVEING FRIENDS—

Our last to you was dated ye 24th Decr since wch wee have recd only one from you of the 11th ditto ye 21st following together wth your bookes of accott signed, as in your postcript you advise of ye Invoyce of your sevtt goods dispeeded to us from your factory this year, alsoe came therewith, as alsoe your Diary for the mo November and two copies of whole years Diary for England and ye Coast as alsoe your letters to Cassumbazar:

Wee admire wee have not heard from your in soe long a time, we suppose sickness may have occasioned it. Considering the sevtt things of import depending with you ꝑticulerly ye ꝑ wannah for clearing us from paying ye yearly present of Rups 300 in ye port, the retreiveing the 1,500 Rups paid ye late Governor here, ye quashing of Shaubauz Cannes pretences, and sending us the Mahzur or certificate about it &ca wch wee expect daily an accott from you concerning:

On a boate wee have sent you sevll goods among wch are some things for presents and ffactores, all amounts to Rupees 153-5 as. as ꝑ inclosed Invoyce appears, if your marketts will dispose of any copper plates, twine, lead, Vermillion, Quicksilver, or broad cloth, ye last worth Rs 5 or Rs 5 8 as. ꝑ yard here, pray advise us that wee may supply you; wee have a quantity of Brimstone alsoe, came out of England this year wch you can dispose of, wee would send you part off:

Wee have 41 iron Gunns here wch carry from 4 to 6lb iron shot according to ye note inclosed, but they many of them belonging to ꝑticuler men here, the Honble Compas being generally smaller, they would be at some certainty both yt they shall be sold and at what rate ere they will adventure them to Decca, where they fear otherwise they may ly many years unsold; if you can make a bargaine for them all or part there to be paid on delivery there, they shall as you advise be sent you: they are worth Rs. 8 ꝑ md here and more well be expected there, besides those Gunns abovesaide there are sevtt that carry lesser shot, and one whole Culverin that carrys a shot of 18lb and if they are desired and agreed for may come with ye rest:

Wee have nothing else to add till can hear from you rems:—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

Mr George Peacock, &ca—Hugly, 24th Feby 1680.

Loveing Friends—

Our last to you was dated ye 10th Novr last, since which wee have recd your sevtt of the 31st October, ye 3rd 14th and 26th November, of the 14th Decr and 4th and 13th ultimo, all which had sooner been answered but hindred by business, and as alsoe there being noe absolute necessity for it, you having had soe great a suply for investmt wee early remitted you:

Wee note what answer Mr Peacock saies about ye want in the bales from Ballasore anno 1670, is in effect the same wee have had from every one else, and is transmitted hence to the Honble Compa:

The foule ballance of your bookes comes herewith—forme for Consultations will come ℘ the next being still copying out, and all ready to two copies:

That those two bale No 3: 4: sent you hence by Mr Read in the Chief's absence at the Prince's Court at Decca ye 16th July 1678 for perpetuanuoes to qt 34 ℘s came out on opening Cloth rashes and qt noe more than 20 ℘s you must send an attestation of with ye reason why they could not be opened veiwed and advised of sooner then now, your charges gratt belonging to journall trex is recd:

The bill for 75rs drawn on you by our Vacqueile at the Emperor's Court wee enorder you to pay if not alreddy discharged, but noe more untill he shall send us an accott of his proceedings here on the serll buisnesses wee have recommended to him and an accott how his expences rise, both which wee have pressed him to and expect his complyance ere wee disburse any more money; wee find noe such things as you write about, an aidees being sent to enquire into ye truth of ye abuses you suffered from your late Nabob Seif Caune, soe till hear further about it can say little in it. Your diary &c for Mo October came with yours of ye 3rd November, goods when sent hence to your factory are to be sold at your market rate, but where restructions are made, what rarities wee have, you will find you have your share of as alsoe of ffactors stores, though wee well hoped what sent last season would have lasted two years:

Assistance wee can *not* spare now from any factory in Bengall they being all bare, your third has not soe much worke but he may well goe through wth it, nor your bookes of accott soe long, but your second may write over 4 or 5 pair of ym a year:

The turmericke came downe late yt year, wee hope all your goods will be more timely ye next, and wee cannot but reminde you of dispeeding them in convenient parcells as they come in to come all at a lump:

Wee conceive those people that formerly bought saltpetre at Pattana noe more doe soe, tis true they sold it well to ye Compa anno 1679, but this year such care was taken that little or nothing of it went of, soe that they are utterly disencouraged from any more in that commoddity:

Wee gave orders to Cossumbazar to send those copper panns sent out of England for your factory up to you and suppose it is done, & wee recommend it to you yt your masters' petre henceforward be according to their desires and expectation:

The Turmerick boate togather wth 660 baggs Turmerick brought us alsoe 62 bags Saltpetre amot as ℘ Invoyce to Rups 843-1-11; wee doe enorder you on all such goods to put even mds into each bag no odd sears, they never apearing here and are better being small matters kept behinde then as they thus are lost; by ye way, your bookes a second paire of them came with yours of ye 26th Novr the cash booke wee noe occasion of you sending it monthly with your diary to which hereafter let it alwaies be annexed not apart as hitherto, the writing every one of your pair of bookes is a weekes worke and may be done by a very slow writer in 10 daies wch makes us admire at Mr Peachie's carelessness in not sending us a pair to ly in this office all this while, wee expect a pair, and order him if not already done to hasten a pair to us:

The keeping on good choise made and correcting or discharging of sevll on faults found, out is yre Cheife's business, as well as the Governmt of his respective factory, and wee recommend it to him to use this preveledge wth yt moderation as will become him, and be most for the Honble Compas advantage in your factorys:

Wee hope this years petre will make good what you promise tis to its holding out in gooness and weight, wch wee earnestly press to you and yt you may have noe more checks from our Honble Employers in those respects. Your Diary &ca for Mo Novr arrived wth yours of ye 14th Decr:

Wee are glad to hear you have soe large an investmt in petre already, and note wt you write as to a farther supply. You will nere have an opertunity wth meeting wth about Rs 35,000 there which receive and draw on us by bill, and we shall satisfy it to ye concerned in this place or at Cassumbazar:

Your Diary &ca for Mo December came wth yours of the 13th ultimo, what kind of Gunns your Duan wants wee cannot well understand by your letter, therefore desire you to be more plaine advising us how many Gunns he wants and wt the shot of each must be————about what weight each peeceis required to be and then wee may fit him, alsoe he must send a Ꝑwanna or a great boate or two or three for now it is a dry time to transport————up and that it must be drawn up soe as it may clear them this port of Hugly; and all the way hence to Pattana, Rajamaule; and all which get done and send on receit of wch ye Gunns as desired shall——

You should have sent us two bookes of charges Gratt, wch wee still expect, and at ye end the whole should be summed up Moly as enordered by ye Agent and Councell, when there, which pray let be done yt ye expence of the whole year may be soon—————at one veiw; wee want alsoe two copies your diarys wch wee must blame you for and enorder you to send them away by the first, and let every one of you soe set to it that nothing may be behinde hand, this year now drawing nigh to a conclusion:

On a Pattelloe* and on Oolock† wee have dispeeded sundry goods among wch are ffactors stores and things for presents amot as inclosed invoyce to Rups 21721 8a 9p for wch give our accott Currtt Creddtt:

On examination wee find the Perpetuannoes sent home to Pattana ye 16 July 1678 were marked S No 1: 2: 4: 5: and the cloth rashes R. No 1: 2: 3: 4:, ye latter wee have received all, 4 bales of ye former only two No 1: 2:, if ye two remaineing bales came rashes and soe many peeces less Invoyce for Perpetuanoes you are to advise, for it is not very manifest by your letter of ye 31st October last whether on opening those bales of goods you found two bales of rashes instead of two bales Perpetuanoes, or whether you did not receive those two bales Perpetuanoes No 4: 5:, pray advise us puctually hereof and as it was rectify yre mistake in your bookes there as wee shall doe here which is all at present from:—

Dispeeded ye 1st March.

Your loveing friends,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

Mr JOB CHARNOCK, &ca Hugly, March, 6: 168$\frac{0}{1}$.

LOVEING FRIENDS—

Our last was dated ye 24th ultimo wherein wee omitted wt wee have yn intended and now desire yt you doe send us ye ballance of Jessooda Nundun's accott, and if you have evened ye same, that you pass it to accott currtt yt soe wee may settle his accott here, there being some goods wch they have sent hither, and are intending to provide hence, ye Hummums and Addaties enordered, desire you to call for ye sd Jessooda and enorder him to send an exprest immediately———— Sudanund hither, yt wee may know wt he hath done thereon, take further order about yt part of ye saide investment wee intend into his hands.

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* Pattelloe—A flat bottom boat.

† Oolock—A boat with a sharp bow.

It is alsoe time now to be provideing white silke of Seerpore, therefore wee enorder you to be takeing care therefore, and wee conceive y^{t} Jessooda Nundun y^{t} hath done it for Sev^{ll} years may best ꝑ form y^{e} same and therefore enorder y^{t} he be employed therein accordingly as heretofore, Wee remaine :—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

M^{R} John Byam, &^{ca}—Hugly, the 7th March 168$\frac{0}{1}$.

Loveing Friends—

Our last to you was dated the 19th February and the 16th ditto, wee wrote you by the sloope *Lilly* co^{ts}, wee have sent hence towards you wth Sundry goods amounting to Rupees 18,509-$9\frac{3}{4}^{a}$ to wth wee refer you :

The 27th ultimo wee rec^{v} yours of the 23d ditto togather wth the Invoyce of Cooreaes for whose amount &^{ca} as you advise wee shall give your factory Credd^{tt}:

Copie of your charges gen^{ll} came alsoe with your last letter abovementioned but it according to use and as the order is gen^{ll} understood should be noe farther then to the end of Aprill at which time your bookes of acco^{tt} are ballanced, by the next you shall have the method of a Diary sent us out of England, at present wee rest ;—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

M^{R} Samuel Hervy, &^{c} —Hugly, the 25th March 1681.

Loveing Friends—

Wee have not heard from you a long season at w^{ch} we much admire, especially at such a time as this when the governm^{t} of the whole empire seemes to ly in dispute between the father and sonn who wee hear, though not from you, has lately rebelled against him ; as well as Respect of those sev^{ll} phercoannaes for our masters free trade in Bengall &^{ca} papers of less import soe long depending wth you w^{ch} wee conceive did require your utmost endeavours to expedite, as well as from time to time to advise us what progress you make therein togather wth the reason of their delay, nor could wee have the originall phyrmaund Neshannee and phercoannaes lie out of this factory longer then of absolute necessity :

This comes at the earnest request of Mellick Cassim, our phousdarr here, who having some hopes of obtaining the management of the customes of this port to be added to his other Government, required us to give you order about it that you should move at   in this behalfe to Hodgee Zeffee Caune, as well as at the Ray's Durbarr as occasion may be, our order therefore herein is, that if you finde likely to prevaile, of w^{ch} wee require you to get the best intillegence you can, that then M^{r} Hervy in person goes to the Duan's and Ray's Durbarr and speak effectually in his behalfe, wee being more ——— he being already the Phousdarr that he should attaine that place rather ———, but if you see his interest not soe great but that Coja Evaithoola is like to keep the employ, then you are not to appear, wee being well content with the substitute, Colluck Beagne here, but you are to imped Allei Nuckee what you can should he endeavour for the place, since excepting him (whose perfideouness and enmity to us in the time of his late Government wee too much experienced) we shall as wee hope be very well able to deal with any that may be appointed thereto, wee remaine :—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

M^{R} Fytch Nedham, &^{ca}—Hugly, 25th curr^{tt} March 1681.

Loveing Friends—

Our last to you was dated 24th ultimo since which the 13th curr^{tt} wee rec^{d} yours of the 5th ditto togather with your Diary for the M^{o} of January by which wee finde you had taken up Sev^{ll} Sumes of money for the Comp^{as} Acco^{tt} to begin their investments of this year there, though wee shall not much disaprove of the thing done yet wee cannot but blame you for first adviseing us that noe money could be had there at interest, and then takeing it up without our licence concurrence or at least not adviseing us thereof as soon as done for our aproveall, which in all such cases it is necessary for you to have, and wee now give, hopeing this was an error committed rather through mistake then any other reason:

From Cassumbazar in charge of Jonathan Prickman and Samuell Antony there was sent rupees 51,000 which you may discharge your Sev^{ll} Sumes taken up at interest & further your investm^{t} wth the remainder:,

We admire Jonathan Prickman should be soe long as 11 daies goeing up hence to Cassumbazar, and expect a reason of it from him, it seiming more culpable in him who had already soe much exceeded his time of absence from his station, wee hope he made more hast from Cassumbazar thither; wee remaine:

Wee herewith send you copie of the Maddapollam Diary for your immitation in keeping of that in your factory;

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

M^{R} John Byam, &^{ca}—Hugly, 25th March 1681.

Loveing Friends—

Our last to you was of the 7th instant, wee have since on the 14th and 20th rec^{d} yours of the 8th and 26th ditto, wee are sorry the Raja of Couche has take noe more notice of our letter to him, wee expect that either his ship will be mett wth at the Coast or some order be taken about him here:

We———ꝑ our next to the ffort acquainte the Agent and Council w^{t} you ———&^{ca} Merchants dealing wth the interlopees and awaite their orders——— wth them both for this and their———to their bargaine wth the Agent——— last year here, in the interim wee enorder you to be makeing up receiving and paying the ballance of your Merchants Acco^{tt} as well as that of Chintamundsaw, whome wee enorder you in the fairest way you can, and wth the greate expedition to get clear of, and employ noe more since if he has money of Russad Caune's in his hand to trade with all are in danger should he faile that have had to doe with him, Nabob Russad Caun being a powerfull man and the most rapacious one of them in this Empire as fully seen in his dealing with Abdull Backry a few years since, and all that the saide Abdull Backry could any waies pretend owed him any thing:

Wee take notice of what wanting in the Quicksilver sent you wch much admire at, Since the Chests were all as the Warehouse-keepers affirmes outwardly well conditioned and came this year. Wanting you must recharge as alsoe the Broad cloth 2 yards as you mention though as you had it Invoyced it came to us from the fort:,

Such paper as is in the house wee have sent you wt wee deemed enough for your occasion, and your bookes not being volluminous, wee suppose the paper sent for Dutch Demy is large enough, for the ink wee are ill stored wth ourselfes, the stock that came out this year being all spoiled:,

Vermillion and Quicksilver have been druggs many years in those partes, to keepe them therefore by you unsold except you have any prospect that either or both will use wee cannot think it for the Honble Compas advantage, wherefore enorder you to dispose of ym (with an eye to the restriction above saide) the best you can:,

We are taking your Accotts of errors into consideration, and shall suddenly advise you what to doe therein; wee have recd Copie of your Diary &ca for the Mo September to the last Mo inclusive, and have now sent you a Copie of the Maddapolam Diary to which according to the Compas orders wee enorder you to conform yours for the future:

It appearing to us hear that Mr Budgen charged himselfe by a mistake with more Broad cloth then really was, or discharged himselfe by lesse, and soe carried it off erroneously by Heirasaw wee enorder you to write off:

Wee cannot tell what to say to what you write about the King's Duans of Orixaes liveing in Antonio De Goes house deceased, because you perticularize nothing, though wee are very sensable how ill a neighbour he is to you, as alsoe sufficiently well persuaded of Van De Hemell's mischeifous intent in letting it to him. The directore here tells us he will suddenly remove as Van De Hemell writes him which wee hope will terminate this dispute, and that wee shall not have occasion to hear any more of it. The Sloope *Lilly* wee doe not yet hear of but hope wee shall suddenly, wee remaine:

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

Mr Job Charnock, &ca,—Hugly, 25th March 1681.

Loveing Friends—

Our last to you was dated the 6th Curtt and we——————19th the 16th and 22d ditto, the Diary for Mo February wee have recd,——————————who in a few daies will be returning to you:

Wee take notice what you write about the Scales, the Pattana Cossidd, the dying materialls comeing short, as alsoe Tho. Hills having taken the employment of charges genll Keeper from Samuell Antony, wee hope the eight boates ladeing of goods last sent hence will on examination come out right:

Wee observe your sale of the two Chests of treasure, and that wth the produce thereof wth a supply out of the Cash there you have dispeeded Rupees 51,000 to Moulda according to our orders, your factory being at noe great distance from this you may quickly advise your necessity for money for the enordered investment there, and you may soe timely foresee at that noe time may be left in your getting orders hence here to proceed:

As wee wrote in our last soe expect that you write of the ballance of Jessooda Nundun's accott to our accott Curtt of his late disposall, of anye part of which wee shall take here as soon as Soozanund comes, whome wee expect daily, wee cannot be of your opinion yt it should seem strange to any that white cloth should not be provided in a factory whose investment and manifacture is silke

It was ordered there never, but the late year on the Cheifes being abroad settleing Maulda factory and having business w^th^ the Princes people at Cussumbazar the sending of which he doubted would have cost much more time then it did there, by which he thought he should not be time enough back to make it from hence, nor had he any assistance then here, who were able and willing to doe it for him, but now the Cheif is here with better Assistance then last year it is not though convenient wee remaine altogather unemployed, haveing nothing but romalls how to be provided here, it being our desire to draw as much business to this place it being the Cheif factory as wee can, which is not appropriated by the Comp^a^ or prescription of time to any of the Subordinate ones. Wee question not in the interim, but you will finde the business of Cassumbazar factory if well done employment sufficient for your hands and heads too, it differing vastly from that of Pattana every respect:

Wee could know the names of those persons you could have chose to provide the white China silke this season and rejected Jessoodamundun who being tried wee thought might best be continue, though wee did not absolutely confine you to him alone, though think it best soe, least many people in one arung should make the goods dear. To which may be added that being some of us better experienced in the business of Cassumbazar then the present Cheif is, wee thought it not inconvenient to point to this affaire which has been brought to the perfection it is now at with noe small trouble and expence, nor can he if he will rightly understand the thing in reason take it amiss, what wee doe in such cases being upon mature deliberation, and what wee Judge to be for the best proceeding of our Master's affaires in those partes:

As soone as your Silke of November bund is near came in wee enorder you to advise us thereof, the Chief intending God granting him health to come up and help to look over and press it with you:

Wee herewith send you a copie of the Maddapollam Diary recommended to us and :

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

Objection—

The person in whose charge the ffactory of Hugly was left in the Chief's absence (was able) tho not soe able as the Cheife himselfe to make the investment of Hummums and addaties, neither was he ever uncalling to act in any thing of his Hon^ble^ Master's business:—

FRANCIS ELLIS.

M^r^ Samuell Hervy, &c^a^—Hughly, 31^st^ March 1681.

Loveing Friends—

Our last to you was dated the 25^th^ Curr^tt^, at the earnest request of Mellick Cassim to w^ch^ wee referr you, this comes to give you advise in what places of Bengall sev^tt^ Zemmendarrs &c^a^ have stoped our Masters &c^ca^ goods this Moonsoone and taken sev^tt^ sumes of money of our Gomostehs imployed in the sev^ll^ Orungs or manufactures of Serepore Miarcha Goorgant and their adjacenies as alsoe at Santapore and its neighbouring towns, for all w^ch^ wee referr you to the note of perticulars inclosed, stricktly enjoyning you on receit thereof to endeavour to get our money returned and effectuall precautions to prevent the like in the future, for if this time wee cannot get remidy, the next Moonsoone in all likelihood they will exact more, money and stop our Master's goods longer then they dared to doe this:

Accompanying this comes a Copie the Maddapollam Diary enordered to us by the Honble Compa as an example to keepe ours by, and wee doe the same to you:

In ours of the 4th December last wee gave you order to send us a transcript of your letter being Mr Hervey's full defence &ca, wee haveing been necessitated for want of Assistance to send its originall to the fort without keeping a copie of it, our register here, wee doe still confirme our order and expect it ℘ the next after receit of those, we remaine:—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

Mr George Peacock, &ca—Hugly, 4th April 1681.

Loveing Friends—

Since our last of the 24th February wee have recd yours of the———ditto Mo and 14th ultimo, which wee shall give a full answer in our next, expecting suddenly our Masters salt vessils with the quantity of Saltpetre you mention in your last aboved:

In charge of Samuell Meverell wee have now sent you 25 bales of Broad cloth, each qt 6 ha ps are 150 ha ps of which ⅔ red and ⅓ Green, which is a good proportion, and hope you may sell well, it being now worth about 6rs ℘ yard; and wee recommend it to you to put it of the best you can there, where the waies being now stoped from Surrat, wee doe not question but it will rise in proportion, the cloth amounts as ℘ Invoyce inclosed to rupees 8,429=3¼as we remain;

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

Mr Job Charnock, &ca—Hugly, 2nd April 1681.

Loveing Friends—

Wee have recd yours of the 2nd and 15th Currtt, the latter 5 daies after the date, the Peon haveing either staide there or loitered along by the way.

Wee know very well that it is high time to be makeing Musters of the March bund of tanna silke in reference to a new imprest of money thereon, which makes us wonder the November bund should not yet be all in, the Chief intends to be setting out hence towards you in three or four daies, in the interim you may (haveing ℘fected the Musters of this bund as above hinted) be takeing up money at interest as you have occasion thereof and be giving it out to those who have now complyed best and nearest with their Contract whereby you may secure the saide bund.

The errors in the Invoyces you mention shall be examined and rectified, wee are:—

Your Loveing Freinds,

MATTHIAS VIRCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

Mr George Peacock, &ca—Cassumbuzar, 13th May 1681.

Loveing Friends—

Our last to you was the 14th ultimo since wch are come to hand yours of 7th 12th & 18th do month to which and what in some former of yours wch wee have not as yet spoken to wee shall now briefly answer as finde necessary:

Your sevtt Deary &ca are all came to hand as advised in your sevtt recd Samll *Meverall* arrived in Hugly with Mr Peacock's wife very sick the 9th Aprill, and was dispeeded thence in a few daies wee hope he may be now with you:

The Invoyce of Copper panus &a sent you formerly from Cossumbuzar shall be sent you from Hugly when the Chief arrives thither he intending God willing to proceed this day:

The quantity of Turmerick limitted by the Compa you have formerly been advised of, beyond wch you must not buy and soe much wee hope you have taken care to secure:

The Vacqueelee's letter wee recd and shall answer as soon as wee can see what he says to our last letter sent him:

The Compas goods there you are to vend at the best rates you can, their Tinn comes deer out of England to us, soe that it is noe wonder since it is fallen in those partes that the rates should seem excessive, our order to you therefore is that you sell it the best and soonest you can, upon other goods with you wee suppose noe losse can arrive the being most if not all in good demand with you:

It wold be of good import that you sent down what quantity of Petre you have ready thence yearly in the very begining of January, and if your Mahaune* be shallow that you lade it on such boates as draw little water and many pass it at any time in June or July another ꝑcell may come down, it being not safe that any Pattelloes soe laden as they genll are with saltpetre from Pattana should be on their way thence to Hugly in March, Aprill or this Mo, these Mos being gentts gusty and tempestuous, and therefore wee order you henceforth never to send any soe as to be on their way in any of the forementioned months:

About the Gunns brasse and iron wee have fully instructed Samll Meverel to whome in that affaire wee refrer you:

Your bill Excha drawn on Hugly for Rups 20,100 is remitted thither where it will be paide:

What brocon petre any ꝑsons shall send down to Hugly will never vend there except to us or the Dutch, and there wee suppose such care will be taken as that it shall be on hands:

What may be further requsite to advise about the cloth rashes and perpetuanoes shall be done from Hugly, those acco tt being there:

Accompanying these wee send you a Coppie of the Maddapollam Diary which by forgetfullness was left behinde at Samll Meverell proceeding from Hugly, according to it you are enordered to frame and keep of your factory, enclosed alsoe comes a paper of differences in your Accott from ours which rectify, wee call not else to minde save that wee are :—

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* Mahaune, properly Muhuna, corruptly Mohana H. Muhana Being. The mouth of a river, an estuary, the conflux of two rivers, the place where a branch separates from the main stream.—*Wilson's Glossary of Indian Terms.*

Your Loveing Friend,
MATTHEAS VINCENT.

JOHN BYAM, & Cassumbuzar, 13th May 1681.

LOVEING FRIENDS—

Our last to you was dated ye 25th March since which wee have recd your Sevll of the 14th ditto month, and ye 5th and 23rd ultimo:

The sevll you sent up by the Sloope *Lilly* are recd according to the Masters receit you inclosed to us whose Invoyce came to our hands wth your next of the 5th ultimo:

It is well you have got a Mahzur* or certificate of the Rajah of Couchaes ceizeing the Honble Compas petre boate in a readyness, as soon as wee have enorder from the Agency in that affaire wee may goe to worke with him, alsoe your getting clear of Chintamundsaw will doe exceeding well only wee wish he be not troublesome upon another Accotts as soon as he shall finde himselfe dismissed the employment:

What were our thoughts about the Duan of Orixaes being your neighbour, and how you might doe in case of urgency or necessity has formerly been advised you to wch referr you:

According to the orders left by the Agent and Councell when last there you might have been certaine you ought to have proceeded in making your contract with your Merchants there, and wee suppose you have soe done since; you cannot but well know what wee have not power except in case of some extraordinary exigences to supersede those orders:

You being on the place must needs be best able to finde out in soe long time since they have remaind in your bookes the Accott of Errors therein, and how to rectify them, there is only Rajaram's ꝑcell which the Cheife by a paper under deceased Mr. Marshall's own hand find cheargeble to deceased Mr. Marshall's Accott, and therefore he as an overseer of both the deceased, desires Mr. Byan to make it good to the Honble Compas Cash and charge it to his particuler Accott wth him; the rest may be written off or continued as you shall find reason or best to be done:

Your Diary &a for the last month is recd which is all at present from:

The Cheife intends to leave Cossumbuzar where he has been these thirteen daies this evening God willing:—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

JOB CHARNOCK.

Mr SAMUEL HERVY, &ca—Cossumbuzar, 13th May 1681.

LOVEING FRIENDS—

Our last to you was of the 31st March, and this is the third time wee have written you wthout haveing recd any from you, your last recd. being dated the 11th December last; if after this advise you take not warning and give us satisfaction in the sevll concerns committed to your care and management, you may expect suddenly to hear from us in another straine; your idle slighting of our orders being unsufferable. Inclosed, wee send you a paper of differences between your Acco^{tt} and our's rectifie.

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* Mahzar, H. A general application or representation, a statement laid before a judge, a public attestation, or a document attested by a number of persons professing to be cognisant of the circumstances of the case, and submitted, with their signatures, to the Court; also, in the Northern Sirkars, a written agreement given by the Ryots conjointly to the Government for the performance of any duty.—*Wilson's Glossary of Indian Terms.*

Wee remaine:—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

JOB CHARNOCK.

M^{r} Edward Littleton, &^{ca}—Cossnmbuzar, 13th May 1681.

Loveing Friends—

Wee have rec^{d} yours of the 2nd Curr^{tt} wth coppie of Gen^{ll} from Ballassore dated the 23d ultimo and a Gen^{ll} from Pattana of the 18th ditto month both w^{ch} are answered, and those papers of differences in Acco^{tt} send to Pattana and Decca, wee have not else to add, the Chief intending God willing to set out hence this evening.

We remaine:—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

JOB CHARNOCK.

M^{r} Fytch Nedham, &^{ca}—Hugly, 21st May 1681.

Loveing Friends—

Since your last of the 12th ultimo rec^{d} dated the 2d ultimo the Chiefe has been at and returned from Cassumbuzar which partly occasioned our soe long silence, wee are glad those goods sent on the four boates hence to your factory arrived in safety. On the otherside of the Hoosbull Hookum sent us by Assatt Caune is coppie of the King's Phyrmaund, as is mentioned in the said Hoosbull Hookum, and it being soe good an expositor of the Phyrmaund which of itselfe could not appear otherwise so well co-ordered for our Masters advantage; wee say in this respect it was thought better that Coppie should be first shown and the Phyrmaund being mentioned as enordered thereon and that paper chauped by the Asmeer Cozzee is as authenticq as if chauped or attested; if on shewing the other you shall finde a necessity thereof wee shall send you a Copie of the Phyrmaund soe chauped although wee have but one Copie left and the originall at Decca.

You were to blame in sending to the mint, and yet making essaies there not of 93^{rs} weight as you were instructed thence, but of 2^{rs} weight which might been done as well any where else and may posibly bring up a bad custome at the mint, wee are certaine by reason of such essaies (wee wanting assistance sufficient to send a factor to the mint to see after the Coinage according to the Comp^{as} orders in that case) they have lost sufficient by their Silver this last year; your Sodaur and Vacqueele are soe faulty here in since the former especially for many years have been used to cooing that wee think it very convenient they be both discharged the Comp^{as} employ to deterr other servants from imposeing upon you, though had you minded the orders and instructions sent you in that matter hence, you might have directed instead of taking advise some of them in those essaies of Silver more fine than Rupees are made to burn away 2 Rutties:

Wee are glad your knowledge as well as Creddtt in those partes increases, and hope the investmts will answer expectation:

Wee note the safe Arrivall of Jona Prickman &ca with Rupies 51,000 in cash wch you may want to compleat the investmts of white cloth and coulered goods as enordered by the Honble Compa, you must endeavour to take up at interest and give out with all due caution and in ꝑcell, not altogether, it being prudent not to have too much money out in the Country at once, but only such summes and by such degrees of giveing out and receiveing in as may best secure the sevll goods required which wee cannot but earnestly recommended to your care:

Mr Frenchfeild arrived hither the 24th ultimo; wee should be glad to hear from you about the Saltpetre business, Porunnia and hope the Armenian may by this have sent some Acco tt of the feasableness thereof, and pray send us musters of the Turmerick &ca procurable there wth advise of wt quantitys of each may yearly be had thence and at what time of the year cheapest to be bought:

Wee doe partly allow Jona Prickmans excuse of his loitering by the way but advise him to make more hast in the future:

Your Diary &ca for Mo February and March wee have recd. and remaine:—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON,

FRANCIS ELLIS,

R. FRENCHFEILD,

Mr John Byam, &ca—Hugly, 21st May 1681.

Loveing Friends—

Wee wrote your last from Cassumbuzar the 13th instant whence the Cheife arrived hither the 17th Currtt and the same day recd yours of the 23d ditto month; it is strange Mahmud Cazzim should deny that he ever had any dealings with the Compa it being well known to some of us that he has, and how ill he complyed with his contract with Coas the reason that he did not continue, this debt of 80rs was for a ps of green broadcloth sold him in June 1673, qt 20 yards at 4rs ꝑ yd and you are accordingly to demand ye money of him:

Wee cannot give any order concerning the Zemmindarr of Couchai's Shipp till can have orders therein from the Agency, wee haveing referred the thing thither, in the interim wee desire you to watch her motions that wn order shall come wee may know where to meet with her:

Wee doe enorder you to rectifie your Accott exactly according to ye paper of differences sent you lately by Mr Edward Littleton &ca hence, you now taking notice of some ꝑticulers mentioned therein and of others not:

Your Diary and Consultations wee have recd for the last Mo. and shall now suddenly expect the balance of your bookes of Accott &ca, that wee may take them into our Accotts:

Wee finde you are in Cash near 27,000 to which leaveing soe much as may be sufficient for your expences wee enorder you to be giveing out to your Merchants on—required by the Compa from your Station, an Accott of which you had last shipping in the Copies of those clauses of the Fort letter &ca concering Ballasore factory, and wee recommend it to you to use your utmost endeavours to get the said goods cheapest and better in consideration of this money now advanced to the merchants;

Wee call not else to minde save that wee are:—

Your Loveing Friends,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
R. FRENCHFEILD.

Mr John Byam, &ca—Hugly, 27th May 1681.

Loveing Friends—

This comes by the sloope *Lilly* whome (besides the Pilotts reveiwing the depthes sand, &ca in his way up and down to augment his experience) wee sent to you to assist in case any of our sloopes now expected from the Coast should drop into your Port, in which respect wee referr her to you and remaine:—

Your Loveing Friends,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
R. TRENCHFEILD.

If you could meet wth a mast there that would fitt the sloope *Lilly* pray secure it, and send it up by one of the sloopes, in your choise of it take the Master's advice:

Mr Thomas Nevinson—Hugly, 27th May 1681.

The sloope *Lilly* being ready fitted to saile wee enorder you on receit hereof to repaire on board her and wth the first opportunity of wind and tide weigh your anchor and set saile bending your course for most speedy attaining of Ballasore roade, where, when you shall arrive in safety, you are to proceed over the Barr and come to an Anchor in some good birth near the English Banck-saule, and then either send or carry our Senll letter dd you herewith to Mr John Byam &ca Factors in Ballasore whose orders you are to follow for your further proceedings.

In your way up and down as weather will permitt you are to take good observation of all sands depthes shoall bearings &ca in this as well as the maine Ganges thereby, to comfirme your experience, as also of the Channell in the way to Ballasore, and pray have a care of those Gusts to take in all your sailes in time, your mast being as you know none of the best; wee wish you a good voyage and remaine:—

Your Loveing Friends,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
R. FRENCHFEILD.

Mr Job Charnock, &ca—Hugly, 30th May 1681.

Loveing Friend—

Yours of the 19th Currtt came to our receit the 22d instant five daies after the Cheife's arrivall hither, togather with your Diary &ca as mentioned therein; were note you had then given out the whole inprest of the Silke Merchants and were about to fill the weavers hand also, wth ere this is doubtless done or accomplished.

Yesterday wee rec^{d}. advises from the Coast by the Borha Merchants, they were short and not answering anything of ours to the Agency. By the late shipping enclosed came copies of sev^{ll} advises from the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} to them and us; what relating to the Raw Silke investments wee have copied out and enclosed send you, enordering you to endeavour your utmost to comply with the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} requires therein, they assureing us that they will send a stock sufficiently those expected shipps, which is all at present from :—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

R. FRENCHFEILD.

M^{r} Job Charnock &$^{a}_{c}$—Hugly, 2^{d} June 1681.

Loveing Friends,—

Our last to you was of the 30th ultimo to w^{ch} referr you; wee have since by the sloope *Arrivall* who came before the Factory yesterday rec^{d} advises from the Agent & Councell at Maddrass dated the 10th ultimo, which import nothing more then their last answer to our late Gen^{ll} by the shipping and sloopes being deferred through the Agent's indisposition to the time of their dispaching the Europe shipps to us. Only they have on this sloope consigned to us twelve Chests Treasure w^{ch} wee have forwarded to you amounting as ꝑ Invoyce to Rupees—— for which give our acco^{tt} Curr^{tt} and be disposing of it for your investments the soonest you posibly can, this comes by land conveyance, the treasure on three boates in charge of six peons, which is all at present from :—

P. S.—You may note that 2$\frac{3}{4}$ chaul in one Siccae Rupie weight is equall to one penny weight in a £ troy, by w^{ch} you may judge how your essaies came out according to the Invoyce, the essaies could be best referred to the mint and ordered to be made of 93^{rs} weight as the use their is and not of 1^{r} weight there being great roguery used in the latter.

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

R. FRENCHFEILD.

M^{r} George Peacock, &$^{a}_{c}$ Hughly 4th June 1681.

Loveing Friends—

The 13th ultimo wee wrote you last, since which wee have rec^{d} yours of y^{e} 12th ditto by which wee are sorry to understand the loss of 1220 ^{mds}: of Master's petre by a great storm in the harbour there, if the boatemen were in fault you may as well recover what you can out of them there, but if otherwise there is no reasone for their imprisonment more then for examples sake to make in the futuree more carefull:

Wee hear no news of the saltpetre being neigh us or on the way, your Diary &$^{a}_{c}$ for Aprill is received :

Wee doe not think it anywaies convenient to hearken to the Cozzees proposition in Seif Caune's case, he being soe extraordinary unreasonable, which is a Signe he cares not doe anything and therefore by asking soe vastly out of the way hopes to stop you off from prosecuting, if the business be to be effected on reasonable terms follow it, otherwise forbear and let it fall, only advise the Vackaeele what the reason of it is that he may know what answer to give in case any of the great ones aloft should ask him it about. Wee note the reason of your detention of the letter from the Dilly Vacqueele———————you might have sent us a transcript, of which for the future in such case doe :

Wee are glad to hear the tyme boates were got soe nigh as Pentee, and remaine :—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

Ri: FRENCHFEILD.

Mr Samuell Hervy, &ca Hugly, 4th June 1681.

Yours of the 22d ultimo wee have recd: the 30th ditto after five months waiteing, whose sophystry wee shall not answer till can see what orders may come from the Agency concerning your factory, there hitherto being noe answer thence to our sevll advises by the shipps nor anything about Decca, although both the sloope are returned thence, occasioned through the Agent's indisposition:

Wee doe give you possitive orders now againe as wee have already often to get the Nabob and King's Duan's Pherwannaes perfected and sent us together with the originall papers the Phyrmaund &ca as soon as possible, as alsoe that endeavours be used for remedy against those sevll Zimindares wee wrote you about &ca, and that such Durbarr charge be allowed with all frugallity not to starve the business as may be reasonably judged sufficient to bring all to effect alsoe that if Mr Hervy be soe weak that he cannot appear when there is occasion at the Durbarrs himselfe that some one (the second is able) of you be sent with the Vacqueele wherby the better may be known the reason of those strange and unusall delaies which wee the more wonder at because both the Nabob and Duan are soe favourable to us, the reason will hereafter be enquired into and wee question not but found out, wee remaine :—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

Ri: FRENCHFEILD.

Mr Fytch Nedham, &ca. Hugly, 6th June 1681.

Loveing Friends—

We have recd yours of the 26th and 28th ultimo, the 5th instant and take notice of the accott you give of Porunnia and what petre procurable there, the muster is bad and price high. If wee cannot have 2 mds. such for a rupee it will be dear because it must be worked and dryed againe which will coost it at least 20 ℘ Ct and wee understand that this sort of petre is worth at Pattana about 12rs ℘ md wee shall therefore expect Ally Berdy's more full advice in this and what may be done touching Turmerick which he writes is procurable in that place; wee desire to have more plaine acco^{tt} as whether it be taken well dyed, what weight the Chutteessee, or what other or what time of the year is best to give out money thereon, whether those people as well as the petremen give security or are bound in each to come or doing one for another as interchangable security &^{ca}.

Wee doe suppose the Price now sent of the petre is the present ready money rate, and that on imprest given out it may come out cheaper which enquire into, Wee shall pour next write to Decca to obviate what hinderence you fear may come by your Crowry and Ezanekdarr, but wee hope all is but an hufte, since let such pretext what they will the customes of Maulda will not be less but the same they were before wee came thither, and on the otherside what duties Weavers pay in their severall townes must necessarily be increased by our investments, on which Acco^{tt} they cannot complaine that wee are unprofitable to the countrey where our business lies.

Coja Evaitoola is a man of quallity and great trust with the King's Duan and Droge or Governour of the customes of this Port which he manages by a Deputy, himselfe as you say resideing about a daies journey, wee shall write to him in behalfe of Rajah Ray though know not with what success, he being an humorsome kind of a person and a great Dianatdar. *

Our Hugly md. is 74^{lb} Avoirdupois by w^{ch} you may compute the seer.

Your Diary and ballance of your bookes wee have received.

The King haveing given a Phyrmaund to Surratt would grant noe other but that place, saying it was unnecessary to give two Phyrmaunds, that is to two sev^{ll} places since wee being the same people at Surratt and here it is unnecessary as well as against custome soe that what you finde on the backside of the Hoosbull Hookum of Assutt Caune is the copie of the new Phyrmaund, and wee have noe other, that Phyrmaund is directed to that Suba of Surratt but the Hoosbull Hookum to—— of Bengall and his compliance with the said Phyrmaund thereby enjoyned.

The instructions about the essaies of silver came time enough to have made new ones.

Yesterday in the morning proceeded on three boates and in custody of six peons twelve Chests silver Ingotts amo^{t} as ꝑ Invoyce inclosed to Rupees 1,06,496 which is consigned to you for Acco^{tt} of the Worsp^{tt} Comp^{a} but enordered to proceed to rights to Rajamaule, whether wee enorder one of you to proceed immediately, and whether you can sell or must keep it to take care and charge, thereof this wee did because its in that place only mustars or essaies thereof can be truly made. In case the buyers will not bidd to the value you are hereby enordered to keep it and not sell for essaies; if you sell wee would have make of 93^{rs} weight and for the goodness of the Silver in respect this Country standard of Rupees ever referr you to ours in this affaire dated the 23rd October last. With this produce of this treasure wee enorder you to clear of what may standing out at interest and wth the remainder to prosecute the remaining part of your investments vigourously.

The sloopes *Arrivall* and *Ganges* on w^{ch} came the treasure sent you came before the factory a few days agone and bring news of the indisposition of the Agent, the death of M^{r} Wynne, M^{r} Colbourn, and sickness of the rest of the Metchlepatam factors at Maddapollam.

Wee call not else to minde save that wee are:

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. FRENCHFEILD.

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* Dianatdar—Just, honest, conscientious, pious.

M^{r} George Herron—Hugly, 9th June 1681.

Your slope *Arrivall* being fitted with what thought necessary and y^{e} time of the comeing of our expected Europe shipping drawing nigh some of w^{ch} may possibly this year be ordered up this river in which respect it is thought convenient that you proceed down to freshen your memory of the sands, depthes &c^{a}, of the same wee enorder you on receit thereof to repaire on board the sloope the *Arrivall*, and wth the first oppertunity of Wind and weather weigh your Anchor and set saile hence towards the Isle of Cocks and thence over the braces and back thither againe w^{ch} Course you may repeat soe often as you judge convenient and are satisfied as to the depthes, bearing &c^{a} thereof, when you are to return hither againe and in your way down and up the river you are to take good notice of the sands, shoals, bearings, settings of the tides &c^{a} necessary, wee wish you a good voyage and remaine:

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI. FRENCHFEILD.

M^{r} Samuell Sherman.—Hugly, 13th June 1681.

The sloope *Ganges* being fitted wth all things necessary wee enorder you on receit hereof to repaire on board her, and wth the first oppertunity of wind, and tide to set sail hence towards the isle of Cocks and thence over the braces into Ballasore roade and soe back againe into the rivers mouth, which course you may repeat as often as you judge convenient for your satisfaction to the depthes, bearings, shouldings, &c^{a} in that track which done you are to returne hither againe. In your way up and down this river takeing good notice of the settings of the tides, eddies as well as the sands and shoulds thereof thereby to confirme your former experience, wee wish you a good voyage and remaine:

Your Loveing Friends,

MALTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI. FRENCHFEILD.

M^{r} Samuell Hervy, &c^{a}.—Hugly, 18th June 1681.

Our last to you was dated the 4th instant since which on the 14th ditto came yours of the 31st ultimo our answer to your last of the 22nd past shews what satisfaction wee have rec^{d} in your late silence.

The Phyrmaund Pherwannaes &c^{a} papers came to hand according to the list; in yours alsoe the five months Diaries *viz^{t}* of December, January, February, March and Aprill last.

Wee are sorry you finde noe way to deale wth those Zimmendars, who have stoped the Comp^{a} goods last season (except according to the Dutch example your propound); wee should licence you to spend four times the amount of the debt, and it troubles us the more because formerly remidy has been to be had for reasonable considerations, but wee have done our duty in giving you full orders therein and leave for such expence to be made to effect all as shall not be extravagant but worth the whole. What Ruddur Ray's Servants told you, the experience you may be thought to have of those Cattle might assure you was false as it really is for Ram Narrane &c^{a} entred their full Puttun* according to the custome of this Countrey where they pay by the peece, and the distinction you make between his advanceing beyond custome on the Delauls and not on the Weavers, since the Weaver in his Countrey is bound to make use of his Delaull is without any difference, and soe wee have it, since wee finde both the written and answering such particulars does only make letter insignificantly long.

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* Pattan, H. An act of ordering goods from a manufacturer—*Wilson's Glossary of Indian Terms.*

Wee enorder you to make the sale of our Master's iron Gunns to the Nabob's people, and that it may be delivered here, but rather than faile on a bargaine secured, wee shall send such and as many as may be enquired to you, this business may be propounded obliquely and as if wee had now writt you about them.

Wee hope the pherwannaes of the King's Duan Hall Istuckball,* is on the way that wee may secure that affaire whilst time before us, the ballance of your bookes is received.

Wee haveing perused and well considered on your Sev^{ll} Diaries &$^{a}_{c}$ above specified have thought convenient that John Pownsett doe come down hither to answer somethings wee have to object against him therein, and in ꝑsuance of saide our resolution doe hereby enorder that without any excuse or falure you send him for this in five daies after receit of this our letter, alsoe that he comes to rights without calling at any place that is out of the direct way hither, wee rest:

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. FRENCHFEILD.

M^{R} JOB CHARNOCK, &$^{a}_{c}$.—Hugly, 29th June 1681.

1. Wee have rec^{d} yours of the 13th Curr^{tt} together with one pair of your bookes and your Diary for the last month.

The saile of the 12th Chests of treasure wee note and that Soocaun Nundsaw &$^{a}_{c}$ refused to make the essaies at the mint of 93^{rs} or 91^{rs} 3^{a} the peece which seems very unlikely since wee know as well as themselfes that the course Silver is melted in such quantities and sometimes greater with Lead to be made Chaundree to pass the† Gozausht and then again are weighed into Chuckatees of the aforesaid weight and only melted down to be fitted to the stamp, and not Silver been soe much demanded, and Soocauns Gomósteh here proffered to take the Silver on the consideration and essaies wee advised you to it had been more probable, but these things being as above hinted makes us wee know not what to think of it, pray at y^{e}. coineing out and agreeing on the essaies advise us how the plate comes out in conformity to the Invoice.

2. M^{r} Charnock haveing not signed to any bonds and indentures to the Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} since he left their service Anno 1663 or 1664, and they haveing severall times pressed his doeing of saide, and have never hitherto reversed that order, however it has lain dormant by the omission or forgettfullness of M^{r} Walter Clavell deceased, the late Cheife of Bengall, wee haveing weighed the thing and doe not finde it convenient that soe great a trust as Cassumbuzar factory be reposed any longer in any ones hands (as Cheife especially) who contrary to the saide Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} practice with all their servants great and small is under noe bonds or indentures to them, wee doe therefore herewith send you a blank bond and indenture enordering him in ꝑsuance to the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Commands immediately to signe and seal to them both, and to deliver them soe signed and sealed to Allen Catchpoole and John Thredder who are of Councell of Cassumbuzar factory to be wittnessed by them, and that then he dispeed them to us by two trusty expresses and therewith send us a Gen^{ll} Letter the names of two persons in England he appoints for his security there, that wee may by the expected shipping accordingly advise our Hon^{ble} Employers thereof.

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* Istuckbul, properly Istikbál, H. Ceremonious reception of a person of distinction; coming out of a town in procession to receive him—*Wilson's Glossary of Indian Terms.*

† Assay Master's Office.

3. The Cheife haveing ꝑ used your Diary for last month rec^{d} here two daies since as abovementioned, findes himselfe confronted by sev^{ll} notes therein, sly in their manner of bringing in, and false and injurious to him in their matter as will appear by the due propension thereof.

4. As for M^{r} Charnocks saying he had prized Comp^{as} Taffaties at their real and just value in his notes the 7th and 13th day it appears as well by an Acco^{tt} under his own hand (as what the Cheife computed when there) to be false thing, even those Acco^{tt} (neither of them) come up to the worth of a peice of that November bund Taffaties when all made, being well bought at one rupee more ꝑꝑ^{s} by the same calculation and if held their due, goodness in every respect they could well content the Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} at said rate nor were there occasion could such be had of any Bazaur or shop-keeper of Maxadavad or Cassumbazar in any competent quantity under rup^{s} 8 ꝑꝑ^{s} as the price of November bund Silke was at the time of the Weavers buying thereof; the last year what the Cheife did therein he averrs was to encourage the Weavers to make good ware and to stop their clamour which it had been much more easy to him and more answerable to M^{r} Charnock's carriage towards him to have let the business fallen on M^{r} Charnock then to have troubled himselfe therewith, but he had the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} advantage without any by respects of his own before his eyes, well knowing that something of content given the Weavers produces well made goods, and alwaies the contrary when they are too much as here they were pinched, and this was the present case according to the best of his judgement after veiwing the whole parcell of Taffaties peice by peece, and he hopes his experience in the business of Cassumbuzar factory will be allowed to overballance M^{r} Charnocks selfe conceit of his own prompt partes and abillities as well as of those that assisted him herein who are here under specified, for whereas M^{r} Charnock saies in his objections to the Consultation held about the time of the Cheife's departure thence in Cassumbuzar the ultimo that in prizeing those Taffaties he tooke the opinion of severall others well experienced in the worth, thereof, it seemes it was not of any of those appointed of the Councell of the factory, they not careing or dareing to appear after a day or two but of John Naylor, the Dyer there whose understanding in that or any else is taken, nor to be over much, and of Amutt Ram the Barber, who about the business of Ruggoo Podaur's death was by the Agent and Coun^{ll} order publickly disgraced and turned away Anno 1676 at Cassumbuzar—a strickt inhibition of ever admitting him in on any Acco^{tt} gen^{ll} or ꝑticuler into that or any other place or factory in Bengall or into any perticular man's service of the English nation, and all this under the penalties (as inserted in Consultation in Cassumbuzar of the 6th October 1676) as the Agent and Counc^{tt} should judge meet, and that such a vallanies, judgment should not only be taken but alsoe thus by M^{r} Charnock upheld against that of the Cheife (who has soe many years managed the business of that factory before him) is a nonsensicall obstinate humour peculiar to the singular quallifications and breeding of M^{r} Charnock, but although M^{r} Charnock would take upon him to be a little familliar in his resentments and Charrackter of his Cheife as to matter of the Taffaties yet he might (not to speak of good manners) have been soe just as to have given a small hint in the same Diary notes (whereupon this concern he contents himselfe to pass it over wholly in silence it not it seems sorting with his information of Losse on the Taffaties) what the Cheife (to make amends for the Taffaties rates) had saved the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} in prizing of the Raw Silke of what it seems he himselfe would have given the Peicaurs* more then the Cheife found it worth, although even here the Cheife gave a great allowance considering the vast difference between the goods bought in and the mustar they were prized by, and it may seem justly suspicable that M^{r} Charnock was partly ingaged to accommodate some of those Peicaurs in the prizing but was hindred therefrom by the Cheife being present thereat and this his guesse arrises from the heat of Charnock thereupon, and his since rateing the silke then thereon out by the Cheife and referred to him &$^{a}_{o}$ to prize such under rates as it deserved almost if not altogether as high as what was then taken at the Cheife's being there as appears by the end of M^{o} of May's Diary abovementioned, and this guesse must continue soe untill tinnes gives an oppertunity of a due scrutiny to be made thereon upon the whole matter. Should it be granted (as it noe waies is) that upwards of Rupees 1,000 were lost by being

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* Peicaurs, properly Paikar, H. A dealer, a shopkeeper, an intermediate dealer or Agent; also one who goes about wait goods for sale, a hawker, a pedlar.—*Wilson's Glossary of Indian Terms.*

allowed to the Weavers; it may alsoe be saide that sev^ll^ thousands were saved in the Chiefes nonallowance to the Pescaurs by which the pretended Acco^tt^ of Loss is very much over ballanced:

And lastly M^r^ Charnocks sly reflection (on what tis saide he himselfe almost constantly practices) on the Cheifes drawing up the Consultation at his parting last from Cassumbuzar and giving M^r^ Charnock noe time to consider on or object against till it was copied faire into the Consultation booke remaines to be spoken unto; which had it been soe as the Case stood could not have appeared soe greate a crime, as it is hoped slyly it may seem, because the Chiefe and M^r^ Charnock being the only person then at Cassumbuzar of the Gen^ll^ Councell of Bengall there could be no more then one drawer up of such a paper and but one to answer any matter, in as the Comp^as^ affaires stands on even votes it has all along been the custome and seemes but reason that the Cheife should cast it on his own side and supersede the other, which might without doubt have passed soe here, there being no, necessity of two such Diary notes as those of the 7^th^ and 13^th^ last m^o^ thereon, especially since it is found M^r^ Charnock is not soe exact to insert other things which might possibly deserve better consideration then this he has soe much puzled himselfe, in, perticulerly what occurred in Cassumbuzar and Muxadavad the 11^th^ and 15^th^ last m^o^; but to come againe to matter, M^r^ Charnock's note hereon is alsoe falce for he was called up by the Cheife and those two points concerning the Weavers and peicaurs were argued and disputed almost a whole morning between them, but M^r^ Charnock though he could not say much in refuttation of the premisses yet alwaies taking good head to disallow of the conclusion, the Chiefe resolved to draw out the Consultation as he did telling him that since wee could not agree in our opinions he might sign with objections to which there being a distinct answer laid down in our Consultation booke here as well (as what materiall) spoken to in the foregoing discourse the Chiefe thinks not worth his trouble to make any further reflection of those matters or expatiate thereon.

Wee wonder you follow not the mithod of the Maddapollam Diary in the keeping of yours, for you may perceive that therein Consultations only and not the Diary notes are signed into, and accordingly wee enorder you to keep yours, not certainly knowing what the knack of all your firms after the Diary note of the 12^th^ ultimo is unless M^r^ Charnock does slily intend the Comp^a^ shall understand thereby that not only he but the rest of the Councell doe alsoe affirme to what he writes about the Taffaties in the notes of the 7^th^ ultimo, which those of Councell with you cannot doe, since it appears that neither Allen Catchpooll nor John Threder were present but as above declared at M^r^ Charnock's &^a^_c. prizeing those goods nor questionless have they since looked them over by which means only they could be capacitated to sign the truth or falsehood of what M^r^ Charnock affirmes concerning them.

As soon as the Raw Silke of March bund is almost in, pray advise us thereof, that in case no other business of import intervenes the Chiefe may come up to see whether the Peicaurs have complyed with their Contracts in that bund better then they did in that of the month of November last w^ch^ is all at present from:

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. FRENCHFEILD.

The contents of the 3^d^ and 4^th^ paragraphs is the Cheifes concern:

F. ELLIS.

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MR. JOHN BYAM, &c. Hugly, 8th July 1681.

Loving friends,

We have recd yours of the 20th and 27th ultimo, the former by the sloope *Lilly*, the 24th ditto, and the other by land, the 3rd instant.

Wee could have you write of what you finde not there, of those household necessaries charged to your factory and were there at the time of Mr Richard Edwards, his taking an accountt of them Anno 1677.

What you have done with your merchts there wee take notice, as also wt you write about Chintamundsaw, to whome you seem to be willing to make another imprest on the Compas accott as finding it in respect of what Chimcham offers necessary, we very well like of his giving in the bill for 5000rs. as a pawn for what he stands indebted on remaines to the Compa but know not well how to give you any possitive order about this merchant considering your late advise and our answer thereunto concerning him, and must therefore leave it to you on the place to doe what on good consideration you finde best herein, yet with this order and caution that you soe proceed in this matter as in case of miscarriage (which God forbid) you may be able to render good reason for your trusting him again contrary to your former advise and opinions above cited. Wee wish in your issuing out the 25000rs you had given out 1000rs and 500rs according to their abillities to three or four Weavers of Creddtt on the Sevll sortes of goods required by the Compa, as alsoe to some small merchants there who depend not on any of the knott of Chimcham &ca, by which your experience there and it may be the manufacture too of those severall goods might be betterred, this as soon as you are in cash againe wee think very convenient that you make tryall, and advise us how done.

Your Diary, &c., for the month of May wee have recd but finde not your accott Currtt entred therein, which you must not faile to doe monthly, wee call not else to minde save that

Wee are,

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. TRENCHFEILD.

Hugly, 9th July 1681.

MR. FYTCH NEDHAM &c.

Loving friends,

Wee recd yours of the 30th ultimo from Rajamaule in which wee finde and much commend Mr. Fytch Nedham's dilligence in proceeding over with Mr. Prickman thither to settle the affaire of coineing the Honble Compas treasure himselfe, being very well satisfied that he has taken the best course to bring it to its desired effect.

Enclosed wee send you Hodgee Soffee Caune's Pherwanna attested by the Deccaoz Cazee on our new Phyrmaund, which wee hope you haveing already made friends with the Governour and Muttsuddies at Rajamaule, you may prevaile with them to get those orders wch seems to point at takeing custome of our boates that place reversed though wee are not at all named therein, it being only written Hollander Ogeira, but if you absolutely finde that it will not doe, you may underhand promise Rajib Ally the Governour of Rajamaule, a small addition to his present, but on this condition that he get a new Pherwanna for us (Haul Istuckbaul, if you can), that wee are not meant in that Ogeira wth the Dutch, the King's Duan as aforesaid, haveing already given us his genl Pherwanna on the Phyrmaund to the contrary, and he is to procure some such paper as aforesaide ere the present be given him, this wee doe findeing M$^{r\cdot}$ Hervy at Decca hugely to blame in being soe backward in perfecting business in the Comp^{as} affaires of that nature in those parti recommended to him, but wee hope in sight of the Pherwanna, and the interest your late present hath made you with Rajib Ally that this stop will be over for at least this season.

Wee should be glad you had brought your Porunnia affaire to its desired issue and remaine

Your Loveing Friends;
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI. TRENCHFEILD.

Hugly 19th July 1681

M$^{r\cdot}$ John Byam, &^{ca}.

Loving friends,

Our last to you was dated the 8th instant, and on y^{e} 17th ditto came to hand yo^{rs} of the 9th ditto, wth the welcome news of y^{e} safe arrivall of y^{e} *George* and *Anne*, two of our Masters Shipps into Ballasore road as also that our two sloopes w^{ch} wee enordered hence chiefly for that intent were also in y^{e} road ready to bring them up if they were soe inclined hither in or if not p^{t} of the treasure on them. We have hope (since wee have had noe further advises since the receipt of y^{e} abovesaid from you, nor the packett that came on the *George*) that both the shipps may be on their way hither, the sloopes not yet appearing, however, least it should not be thus as wee hope, would and that the command^{rs} as you hint should deny to deliver you any treasure without an order hence to them in perticuler, and the sloopes should be detained on that score, wee hasten this to you with orders to both the cap^{ts} which on your receit of deliver them and hasten their compliance therewith.

Wee know not whether you have taken an abstract of y^{e} *Annes* Invoyce that came with your last as alsoe of what concerned Ballasore factory in the Comp^{as} letter to us dated the 5th of January last, &^{ca}, papers accompanying it (which you alwaies ought to doe and advise us), wherefore though our Assistance be small here, wee have drawn those clauses, &^{ca}, necessaries and inclosed send them you requiring your complyance there wth as abovesaide, have written to the cap$^{ts.}$ and enordered them to deliver you out of the *Anne* for wanting the Invoice of the *George*, wee know what she may have brought in, their markes and numbers, twelve bales broad-cloth Nos. 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 83, 84, 85, 86; two bales of Perpetuannoes, Nos. 3, 4; three bales cloth rushes marked F, K, L; and 17 chests treasure which you are to take in proportion of what chests, ryalls $\frac{8}{8}$ and Ingotts come in the 139 chests silver arrived on these two shipps now in the roade, which wee would have directed you hence but cannot for want of the shipp *George's* Invoyce as aforesaide, and if it should not fall out even then let the Ingotts proportion be the greatest.

The Comp^{a} in their letter to us abovementioned have given order that the house of John Billingsley deceased be delivered over to the order of his father in England, and licence to sell it, yet not to any stranger, soe as it may redound to the prejudice of our master's affaires there, which wee recommend to you and that you help him to what rent due from the tenant who now has been in it for some years without paying one penny thereof, tho he consented with the Chiefe to pay 10^{rs} Pm^{o} out of shipping time and 15^{rs} Pm^{o} whilst the English shipps should yearly remaine there.

Wee remaine,
Your Loveing Friends,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.

Mr. Job Charnock &ca. Hugly, 23rd July 1681.

Sir

Wee have recd yours of the 14th Currtt together wth Mr Charnock's bond & Indentures, and notice whose names for security in England according to our late orders to you in this perticuler.

If your cash be at soe low an ebb as you write, and you finde it absolutely necessary to be embursed for the Capiton Silke and Tappaties, you may take up at interest till you can be supplyed hence wch wee hope may be in 10 or 15 days at furthest in likelihood sooner, two of the Compas shipps being arrived in Ballasore road, the 9th instant, of which wee had news the 17th following, and sent a letter that came on them the 18th to Mr. Charnock, and since wee have heard nothing of them wth which wee the more admire at because wee have noe letters that came upon one of them.

Accompanying these you will have what concerns your factory in the Honble Compas letter to us dated the 5th January last, as alsoe a list of goods to be provided by you this and the ensuing year wth a clause of the Accomptant Genll's letter concerning John Elliott whose answer wee expect, to all wch refer you.

The Cheife notes Mr. Charnock's nibling at an answer to what concerned him in our last of the 29th last Mo, and as to the silver not to rake up any other matters, he remembers Mr. Charnock's way of disposeing that by a quantity he sent from Cassumbuzar to him in Mr. Clavell's absence at the Coast Anno 1675, which lay on hands in Patta till he was forced on small hopes of its vend there to agree for it at a certaine rate at Cassumbuzar, the money to be paide Mr. Charnock on his delivery of the silver at Patta, but on first notice of the said agreement it was made sold some time before, but as touching those things &ca. in our last fully insisted on as alsoe Mr. Charnock's singular stamp, (since the true allay of his mettall is now better understood then formerly), the Cheife cares not to trouble himself any further, but rests satisfied that having in our last followed the wiseman's Councell, Proverbs the 26 V. 5th, he now takes up wth the other part thereof (which indeed is generally, the more adviseable of the twaine) in the foregoing verses of the same chapter.

Wee remaine,
Your loveing friends,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI. TRENCHFEILD.

Mr. GREORGE PEACOCK &ac.

Hugly, 23rd July 1681.

Loving Friends.

Our last to you was of the 4th ultimo since which wee have yors of 1st and 11th ditto Mo, and much wonder considering what you write us in yours of the 11th, that to this day wee hear nothing of the Saltpetre boates from you. Your bill excha for Rs. 5146-14 annas is recd and charged to accott; wee also note that the 25 bales broad-cloth are safely arrived wth you and Samll Merevell wth the coppie of the Maddapollam Diary, the 29 ps of Flint ware by a mistake of him that shipped them went to Decca as is supposed instead of Patta, and for them you shall be credditted and them debted.

Wee are sorry to hear of the bad successe of the Petre boates, 2 more of wch are cast away. You much misunderstood our orders, if you think our orders are positive for sending goods away at any set time, be the weather good or bad, sinc your own prudence must guide in such cases, the best you can to avoid such hazards.

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Hugly, 23rd July 1681,

Mr. FYTCH NEDHAM &^{ca}.

Loveing Friends,

Our last to you was dated the 9th instant to w^{ch} wee referr you. On the 17th ditto wee had notice from Ballasore of the safe arrivall of the ships *George* and *Anne* receiving therewith the Comp^{as} packett on the *Anne*, that on the *George* by reason of high winds in the roade came not to hand untill yesterday, and in that only came the List of goods enordered to be provided in the Bay, it being omitted in that letter of the Comp^{as} by the shipp *Anne*.

The Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} have enordered that what goods can be brought both at Decca and Moulda shall in equall proportions be taken care for by sending equall proportion of stock to both places, they have been pleased to enorder 13000 p^{s} Cassaes and 1000 p^{s} Mullmulls in all, wherefore wee enorder you immediately to advise us what quantity you have and can provide of the 23000 p^{s} to goe home this shipping, and not to be too late, alsoe what stock you may count to performe it that wee may take care hence for you, and alsoe to Decca for the remainder, which you cannot get ready. By Cassaes wee suppose is meant that close cloth called Tangeebes and the like, besides these wee finde our Masters require this year from Moulda, Erenda cloths 25 bales and ditto yarn 15 bales, and against the next year Cassaes or Tangeebes 6500 p^{s} Mullmulls 5000 p^{s}, Erenda cloth dyed blew (which you must finde out some way to doe) $1\frac{1}{8}$ yard broad and 26 ditto long, 1000 p^{s} ditto brown of the same lengthes and breadthes, [illegible]000 p^{s} ditto yarn, 10 tonns reckoning, 10 hundred avourdupoiz to the tunn, Mundeils of Moulda, 18 yeardes long 1 yard wide to be of variety of mixtures, and to be 100 p^{s} of each worke and coulour, 100 p^{s} alsoe of yellow silke N° 4 and 5, of which wee shall send you the musters as soon as they come to hand, what quantity you can get.

Wee have alsoe sent you enclosed such clauses of the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Letter to us dated the 5th January last as concern your factory, as alsoe the way you must enter sallaries &^{ca} as ꝑ the Comp^{as} order last year which then sent you but as wee understand mislaide.

Wee remaine,

Your Loveing Friends

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. TRENCHFEILD.

Mr. Samuell Hervy &^{ca} Hugly, 27th July 1681.

Sirs,—

Wee rec^{d} yo^{rs} of y^{e} 29th ultimo, the 6th instant, and J$^{\underline{n}}$ Pownsett arriving hither y^{e} 14th ditto wee have now finished y^{e} matters, wee sent for him about in a day or two shall returne him to his station wth you, wee are very sorry to finde M^{r} Hervy continue in his tale of sickness w^{ch} never was extreme till April, and wee note how he catches at y^{e} Agent's silence as an excuse for indisposition, but he may thank God his sickness never yet was such as to deprive his understanding, as it is saide y^{e} Agent Masters him, therefore this trick will not serve in M^{r} Hervy's case.

The Duan's Pherwanna (Haul Istuckbaul) wee have at last rec^{d} & esteeme it no small part of our Master's good fortune that y^{e} present Government of Bengall has lasted soe long unaltered, notwithstanding y^{e} troubles that have been and still are in Hindostand, till not only the others, but y^{e} Pherwanna alsoe is perfected.

Your Diary for ye Mo May is recd and coppies of those Pherwannaes ye Nabob & King's Duans has given Boolchund on the Dutch, and as wee understand he plagues ym at Muxadavad, but hitherto is civill enough to us.

The 17th instant we recd a packett from our masters by ye *Anne* wth wch the *George* arrived into Ballasore roade wth out touching at Fort ye 8th Instant, for want of ye list of goods wch should have come at ye end of ye Honble Compas letter wye *Anne*, but was omitted, wee now forced to stay till the 22d when the packett by the *George* arrived ere wee could signify certainely the Compas requires from everye factory wch wee have accordingly done the others, and now doe to you.

The Compa ordering 13000 ps Cossaes and 1000 ps Mullmulls to be invested in Malda and Decca and wee would know what quantity not buzar goods but of such sortes, lengthes, bredths and fairness, as ordered by the Compa from 8rs to 12rs per ps may be gott ready to be here sometime in November next, that wee may furnish you wth stock accordingly, the Compa upon what information wee know not write alsoe for 5,000 ps such Rhumalls as they order hence which they understand are made alsoe at Decca, to be sent them thence being invested there, pray let us understand what rhumalls Decca affords, that wee may give order for the quantity next year, haveing for this moonsoon be spoke the enordered Investment of that commodity in this place as alsoe of the Hummuns.

Our masters further require against next year 500 ps Mullmulls wth fine needle work flowers wrought with white, the flowers to be about 3 or 4 inches as under and neat, the ps to be 1⅛ yard wide at least, or better if ell and 21 yards long, the wch wee recommend to yor observance.

You have not entred the Accott of sallaries right, enclosed wee send you a clause of the Honble Compas Letter of last to which wee refer you in that particular as alsoe an abstract of their genll this year dated the 5th January last being what therein concerns your factory.

Wee rest

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. TRENCHFEILD.

P. S.—Among the glasses of Christalline ware sent you hence the 24th February, there was a mistake of 29ps of severall small glasses which amount to 19rs 8ans being Invoiced to Pattana but sent to you, wee wonder you should not advice us of them.

Ydem

M. VINCENT.

E. LITTLETON.

F. ELLIS.

R. TRENCHFEILD.

MR. JOHN BYAM &ca. Hugly, 1st August 1681.

Sirs—

Wee have recd yours of the 22d and 26th ultimo and wonder you should put us upon ordering any thing for Chintamundsaw hence, which you being on ye place doe not finde secure to doe there, although by ours of ye 8th Currtt referred to you.

Wee hope you will finde it a good way to be trying wth all necessary caution to give imprest on Ballasore goods to merchants and weavers of that place and its adjacenies that have noe dependance on Chimcham and his Comp^{a}, wishing it may have its desired effect.

Wee leave Cowulls business to you having nothing to object against his security Cullean Laul, who has been known to be a shroff of good repute for many years in Ballasore, but you must take care to the goodness of Cowulls goods he brings in, otherwise it will be loss to the Hon^{ble} Comp^{a}.

Your acco^{tt} curr^{tt} pray continue to enter as enordred by y^{e} Agent and Councell, & pray send a coppie of what orders he left anno 1679 in your factory about contracting with your merchants if any besides what sent you hence while he was here.

What of househould necessarys you finde wee have charge hence to Ballasore and not appearing there wee mean that you write of wth you, the losse of them belonging to Ballasore factory.

Wee rec^{d} your Diary &^{ca} factory m^{o} of June and the 22d ultimo took order about the goods and treasure intended for this place y^{e} turne of y^{e} sloopes and two letters directed to the Commanders of the shipps *George* and *Anne*.

Wee remaine,

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. TRENCHFIELD.

Mr. George Peacock &^{ca}. Hugly, 3rd August 1681.

Loveing Friends,—

Our last to you was dated the 23rd ultimo, next day after which came yours of the 9th ditto, which wee did detain till the arrivall of the saltpetre boates yesterday, they comeing safe 29 of them (one Urgum Mirdae his boate) wth 375 baggs saltpetre being lost nigh to Baugulpur.

You need not have kept your bookes open for the Copper panns &^{ca} since you might have entred and carryed them of in blanck, now there comes an acco^{tt} of them with this inclosed.

The invoice of your petre and the Mirdaes notes came safe to hand, alsoe your Diary for the M^{o} June.

Our buzar seer here consists 80 Rajamaule Siccae Rupees according to w^{ch} you are to receive your Time as to recovery of w^{t} wanting, the Mangees Saikes and boate are liable for it, and you must see to gett it of them, if the boate belonged to y^{r} place wee should not fear to recover it here.

Lodging there must be in every factory for the Comp^{as} servants, and if your Warehouse keepers lodgings be so untenable as you say you must fitt them up, and there be as frugall as you possibly can.

Coppie of the Vacqueeles Letter from Dilly of an old date wee have rec^{d}. Pray pay him noe more wages till order thence, he seeming at present to deserve none being soe exceeding slow in his advises as alsoe sending us noe acco^{tt} though sev^{ll} times written to about it.

Wee remaine,

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. TRENCHFEILD.

The brass panns you may charge at 20^{rs} p^{r} p^{s} and Lades and scummers together at 27$^{rs.}$

Yo^{rs} E. LITTLETON.

Hugly, 8th August 1681.

Mr. Job Charnock &c.

Wee have rec^{d} yo^{rs} of y^{e} 30th ultimo, as soon as y^{e} box of mustars shall come to, our hands they being a mistake of y^{e} Comp^{as} remaining behinde, wee shall not faile to send those belonging to your factory.

The order touching J^{o}_{n} Elliott you having given him to understand it lies now in his hands to manage the consequence thereof as he findes good.

Coppies of the Comp^{as} Letter of y^{e} 5 & 6 July *1680* comes herewith as alsoe a duplicate of theirs by these shipps dated the 5th January last to w^{ch} referr you.

Wee hope ere this yo^{r} March bund silk is all in, and since y^{e} Cheife by reason of business on y^{e} shipps arrivall cannot attend to come up to look on it wee enorder you to doe it @ pack it up according to our masters orders.

The boate with silke @ Taffaties is arrived @ as soon as all is taken ashoare ———many perticulars come out.

Wee remaine,
Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. TRENCHFIELD.

This day wee shall be sending up 25 Chests treasure Ryalls to u for yo^{r} investm^{ts} estimateing y^{t} to be as much as you can now invest to get home on y^{e} shipping if you can more advise us nearest what @, it shall be sent you on the latter treasure.

Mr. Job. Charnock &c. Hugly, 11th August 1681.

Loveing Friends,

Our last to you was dated y^{s} 8th instant y^{s} comes wth 25 Chests of y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Ryalls of $\frac{8}{8}$ amounting as ℘ invoice inclosed to Rup^{s} which wee enorder you to sell, or otherwise as you shall think most for our Hon^{ble} Masters advantage, and to goe in hand to perfect those sev^{ll} investments required by y^{m} for y^{s} years shipping.

Wee send y^{e} treasure in charge of Mr. Richard Barker who is come out in y^{e} quallity of a Factor at ℘ annum &^{ca} as you will finde by y^{s} gen^{ll} to us from England dated y^{e} January last sent you y^{e} 7th Curr^{tt}, he is to be employed at Cassambuzar and advised with about in y^{e} business of Dying and Raw silke, also there comes wth him M^{r} Pratt a dyer who also is to be employed in dying trade there. On these boates wee have alsoe sent six peons for their better security in y^{e} way up w^{ch} is all wee call to minde at present.

Remaining,
Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. TRENCHFEILD.

Hugly, 18th August 1681.

MR. FYTCH NEDHAM &CA.

Loveing Friends,

Wee have recd yors of ye 5th instant and note what you write about ye essaies which you say come out much worse yn you expected by your former, on this subject wee thought you had made up your business with ye Droga Chowar or *Sanbrane* of ye mint wth out getting in with whome (and they are to be dealt cautiously wth) there will never any silver come out as it should, wee finde ye merchants or shroffs have a great hand wth ye abovenamed person wch makes ye essaies come out soe low on our side to discourage us from minting our silver, yt soe it may fall into their hands to our masters great losse, they having began a fine trade of buying and other silver morato at Cassambuzar at 210 & 211rupees ℘ 240 siccaes weight, and making at ye Tancksaule or mint 216 siccae rupees of ye same all charges borne, and soe all other silver in proportion. You know very well, difficulty alwaies attends ye first entrance of any thing of moment which you must grapple with and overcome too. Some daies since wee laden on three stout Oolocks* in charge of six pions fifteen chests silver, to say 10 of ℘ and 5 of Ingotts as ℘ accompa Invoice to Rup. 131,196-13as and wee doe enorder yt Mr Jona. Prickman to remaine at Rajamaule at ye mint to see ye coineing of said, and wth more wee shall consign to you for ye same end, and yt ye keepes his mint accott apart, it being needless to bring it into your bookes of accott only what by our future orders you may receive thence for your investmt, since wee shall enter yt accott out of his thus kept wth our genll bookes here, wee intend God willing wth ye next parcell of treasure to send an able shroffe for his assistance, in ye interim wee enorder him to be coineing ye ℘s $\frac{8}{8}$ whose essay is never questioned and converting them into siccaes ye soonest that may be, wee doe further order ye sd Jona: Prickman to send us advises from time to time how the business of ye mint goes forward, wt ready money he may have ready and against wt time yt wee may give you orders hence to send it to those places where it may be wanting.

Wee shall write to Decca and enorder James Price may threaten Hurnaraine, as you desire, to complaine to ye Nabob of him, if he forbidd not Jimshear Beague for abuseing our people on Maulda side, hope may have success therein but be sure you lay soe good a foundation of our customes on yt side of ye water you live on that ye same trouble as our trade encreases may not reach us there. It lies mostly in your good forecast and fixing things well ere your Zimmendars or the Governours grow upon you wch they will certainly endeavour to doe as they shall come better to understand our business and finde new waies now not seen nor it may be ripened for their own interest, you have done very well in geting place for your washers †*Coondgurs* and *nurdiaes* to worke within the factory bounds, since there, they may without much difficulty be alwaies on occasion of difference wth ye Zimmendar be protected.

All that you can well expect from Rajub Ally ye present Governour of Rajamaull in the business you formerly advised of is a *Seppanus*‡ or a favourable representation of what wee have to say in our own behalfe, to be sent by him to Hodgee Saffee Caune, and then our Vacqueell at Decca to fall in upon ye neck of it concerning which if Hodgee Saffee Caunes pherwanna will not doe, togather with ye good correspondence wee could have you alwaies to hold with him, wee shall alsoe give orders to Decca.

We shall not say any thing to ye Pornnia business, you seeming yet to have but a lame Accott of it but shall deferr it till wee can hear what verball accott Ally Berdy has given you thereof, these people being genlly able to give farr better satisfaction in discourse yn by writeing, but if the saltpetre be to be had noe whence but under ye Government of ye Suba of Pattana and will be in vaine wee think to treat any further alsoe.

Wee note what you write about the number of Cassaes Tangees and Mullmulls you hope to get ready for ye years shipping, pray advise us alsoe how many Rheangs for they not being mentioned in the Compas list wee suppose are included among the Mullmulls, the Erendee yarn and cloth pray take care about, as alsoe the Numdulls what you can, and write us whether you shall be able to dy the Erendee cloth blew as enordered sending some pieces thereof, and let care be taken that next years quantity, lengthe and bredths thereof be exactly complyed with, you having noe orders for the yellow Silke wee shall say noe more to it, till wee can see the Musters, which if they prove as wee suppose they are of the tannee wind and you will not be able to doe much this year.

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*†‡ Oolock, a native boat with a sharp bow.

Wee call not else to minde at present save that

Wee are,
Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI. TRENCHFEILD.

Hugly, 20th August 1681.

Mr. Samuell Hervy &ca,

Our last to you was dated the 27th ultimo to which referr you, wee have since recd yors of ye 6th instant three days agone, glasse rarites wee have prety good store this year, pray advise us how many Chests of the you may be able to put of that we may not overstock you, your Diary for the last mo wee recd now, but have none from you of the mo of June which wee admire at.

Hur Nrrains *Ezandam** is troublesome with our people at Maulda, pray let James Price speak to him to forbidd him to molest our business there, about the chaup which is paide the same by all others now as formerly and not a whitt the less for our not paying since the Dutch, Pattans, Mogulls, &c., Merchants buy the same goods and pay the same duties they alwaies did soe that nothing can be laid to our charge on accott diminishing any revenue but what our Phyrmaund by the Kings favour indulges to us, let him therefore if he will not hear you be complained of the Nabob or Hodgee Soffee Caune or both, as may be found convenient, and pray stirr soe in that thing this as some good issue may suddenly be put thereto, what customes wee can now at our first planting there settle being likely to continue upon us, Jumshear Beague the Ezamdaur at present imprisoning and punishing all our *Condegues Nurdias*† and Washermen on Maulda side of the water, forbidding them to worke for us, alsoe all Weavers in his Governmt from takeing imprest.

Our boates alsoe of late have been stoped at Rajamaull and mony forced from them ere could pass under pretence of being merchants boates, this complaine of to Hodgee Soffee Caune, and add that though Rajib Ally who is ye Phousdar there is satisfied that they are the English boates yet the other Muttsuddies will not let them goe, the custome of the Tancksaull at Rajamaul has long been in dispute and wee being coining Rups now there wee got the money due on that accott to be put into a third persons hands till wee can hear from Hodgee Soffee Caune about it, pray see if anything can be done to get it of since it will be of great advantage to the Honble Comps at least 2 or 3 ℘ cent on their whole treasure which now beginns to be considerable, and wee shall use such means with the Droga to keep friendly as that he shall hinder herein.

Wee remaine,
Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI. TRENCHFEILD.

Just on sending away this came to hand yours of the 30th July with your Diary &ca for the mo June. Pray add your accott Currtt to the end of each Diary which of late you have omitted

Ydem,

M. VINCENT.

E. LITTLETON.

F. ELLIS.

R. TRENCHFEILD.

Mr. Job Charnock &ca Hugly 20th August 1681.

The 30th instant wee recd yors of the 13th ditto, which you sent according to date was long in comeing:

You have all along sent us your coppies of what concerned your factory, in all the Honble Compas and Fort Letters to us from time to time as they come to hand, at your desire wee have now sent you the Letter of the 19th March 16$\frac{79}{80}$.

Tis seldom known but you have a slatch of faire weather in this Mo, therefore wee hope noe such great occasion of fear and for the business tis the same now as it has been formerly, at the latter end of the year, tis alwaies most:

The July bund investment you may well secure by what sent you giveing 100 or 150rs on a bale, alsoe the remains of your Floretta yarn and Taffaties, money you shall be embursed with as fast as it can be coined, which will be as soon as you can have it any other way, after you have recd the money for the 25 Chests ryalls lately sent you up; pray draw us up as exact and plaine a calculate of what you can get ready for this shipping, and not at random as this is which you have now sent that wee may consider the best manner of timely supplying your real occasions, the stock enordered of £80000 shall in due time be sent you in money and goods according to the proportion which wee shall receive the whole stock in this shipping, the latter three ships expected from ye fort wee yet hear not of at which wee admire:

By the next boates wee send up to your Factory wee shall send the Factors provisions you want and part of such toies with some fine Green cloth as you desire for presents.

Wee are,

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. TRENCHFEILD.

Our last to you was dated the 11th ultimo wth ye Honble Compas treasure. Your Diary for the Mo June is received.

Srs since the sealing of these wee recd the packett of the *Bengall Merchant* arriveing into Ballasore road the 11th instant. With it came the accompanying Letter from the Agent and Councill to Mr. Charnock &ca which is here transmitted to you by

Your Loveing Friends,

M. V.

E. L.

M Job Charnock &^{ea} Hugly 24th August 1681.

Our last to you was dated the 20th Curr^{tt} since which wee have rec^{d} yours of the 19th and 20th ditto:

Wee are glad to understand the 25 Chests treasure sent by M$^{r.}$ Barker are safe arrived, what treasure wee have yet sold here more than the 20 Chests delivered Muttraadass which you call four boates ladeing can never hinder any markett there since wee have not yet sold one rup^{s} worth to any one, the hindrance of the ready sale of your treasure we rather judge will be the late quantity the Dutch have imported, and the want of ready money among the shroffs at Muxadavad, by the Prince and Nabobs late drawing their respective treasure thence:

The Comp^{as} gen^{ll} wee have received:

Before wee rec^{d} yours of the 20th Curr^{tt} the Cheife had written a letter to Boolchund your Governour there concerning his stoping boates under our Flagg and Dustuck stoped by his Chowkies in sev^{ll} places, perticulerly four boats of Sugar coming from Tessindee &^{ca}, which letter wee enorder you to send him by the Vacqueele, and that he urge the clearing of them and all others, or that Boolchund give his answer that wee may take care otherwise about it, as to what you now write of his demanding custome of us and the Dutch untill wee can hear what result your Vacqueele brings you from his own mouth, wee cannot tell what to say, but on your further advise thereof we shall act as find thereupon necessary:

Pray send us a calculate of what tonnage wee may this year expect from Cassumbuzar ꝑ your next being now on writeing to the Coast where the Agent and Councell demand it to be sent them.

Wee remaine,

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT,

EDWARD LITTLETON,

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. TRENCHFEILD.

Mr. John Byam &^{ca} Hugly 28 August 1681.

Sir,

Supposeing that ere this the *Cesar* may be arrived into Ballasore roade which wee should be glad to hear, wee enorder you to receive from on board of her two Chests silver which will compleat the stock of 20,000£ appointed by the Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} for the investment of Ballasore factory this shipping, Wee are sorry for Mr. Scattergoods death, and Th^{o} Bromleys insufficiency, and wee shall consider to send you some assistance thence though wee can very ill spare any; pray see if Capt. Andrews can spare a mast fitting for the sloope *Lillys* Maine Mast, hers being deficient soe that she cannot come down.

Wee remaine,

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT,

EDWARD LITTLETON,

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. TRENCHFEILD,

Mr. George Peacock, &ca. Hugly 31st August 1681.

Sir,

Wee wrote you last the 17th instant and have since recd yours of ye 5th ditto month, the ballance of your bookes signify little to us, you not haveing been perticuler in the debts and Creddits thereof, but touching severall articles under the names of sundry accott which if they doe not agree with our bookes we have no way to find out the ꝑticulers of them, pray ever hearafter let every accott have its name and not hidden under the denomination of sundry accott. Wee admire, we should not have one paire of bookes to this day, and doe admonish the second to be quicker at his writeing worke else he will hear from us in another straine, for wee are certaine your bookes of Acct are not of any such length to take much time in coppieing out:

The Turmericq wee are advised, arrived at Rajamaule but as yet appeares not here, pray endeavour for what more Turmericq you can.

Enclosed a bill of exchange on Muttrasaws Correspondent for Rups 25,000 Accott the Honble Compa, which with what you are in cash will lay a fair foundation for the new years investmt of petre and Turmericq, the latter of which wee doe enorder to be made about 6000 Mds, and especially care to clear your Dustucks soe as that the latter petre may be comeing away by the middle of November at farthest, what you have already pray send away in parcells as formerly enordered if not already done, and soe as it comes in, and the latter parcell as above said and give the Drogas and pions on the sevll boates strickt order to be very carefull in the way our masters haveing this year suffered a considerable losse in those five boates of saltpetre lately cast away:

Your Diary for the last mo wee have recd alsoe the Invoyce of the Turmericq which comes out very almost 1 Rie per md with charges, the boatemens notes are alsoe come to hand, wee call not else to mind save that

Wee are,

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. TRENCHFEILD.

Hugly, 31st August 1681.

Mr. Samuel Hervy &cs

Sirs

Wee have recd yours of the 13th instant but not till the 26 ditto and come to answer what pertinent therein and waneing the directions you seeme to give about the investments of your factory wee have with this sent you 9 chests silver being two chests Ingotts and seven chests of ryalls $\frac{8}{8}$ poiz siccaes as ꝑ a note of perticulers drawn up by the Warehouse-keeper enclosed and amount as ꝑ Invoice to Rups—which wee enorder you to goe in hand invest in Cassaes and Mullmulls from rups 8 to 12 ꝑ ps and in proportions vizt Cossaes Tangeebes &ca of that closer struck sort as usall 4,500 ps and in Mullmulls 3500 ps, this get done and send the soonest you conveniently can:

The rhumalls you mention are not the sort required in the list of the Honble Compas, however we enorder you by the next turn to send us one whole ps of those you mention which will stand in about as you say 8rs ꝑ ps that wee may see and give order as finde good about them:

One of the Honble Compas genll comes herewith, which send us againe, alsoe what wee judge concerns in the Letter recd from the Agent and Councell at Fort St George to which referr you:

The Flint ware is in the river and in few daies wee shall send you a good quantity :

Your Ware-house-keepers reason for not acquainting you of those drinking glasses extrordinary that came with the other glasses of the Comp^{as} the begining of last year wee shall take a less busy time to enquire into.

We are,

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. TRENCHFIELD.

Our last to you was dated the 20th Curr^{tt} to which referr you expecting your complyance to what enordered therein :

Hugly 1st September 1681.

MR. FYTCH NEDHAM &^{c}

SIRS—Our last to you was dated the 15th ultimo, since which wee rec^{d} yours of the 28th d^{o}, your other two letters you mention of y^{e} 24th and 25th not yet come to hand, wee are sorry to find your quarrells with Jimshear Beague rise soe high as that he should as in your postscript stop the whole business there, which you could have done hugely well if by some well-timed compliances in great part you had prevented which wee yet hope you have used some means since to doe :

As for the Pherwanna of the Nabobs on Boolchund to force us to live at Maulda or any other partes wee take it to be but a flamm, it may be a huffe of y^{e} Govern^{r} to affright you : !

What you mean by our leaveing the countrey to the Pattans wee understand not since wee never yet have taken any part thereof from them, they liveing where they alwaies did and driveing the usuall trade as far as they find convenient, paying the same customes as formerly, soe that on that acco^{tt} nothing can be objected :

Wee hope you may be able to procure Washers Nurdiaes, &^{ca} not belonging to Maulda enough to cure the Comp^{as} goods now in house, and it may be this thing being now brought to the height will now by a little yielding on each side come to the better accomodation, wee have however written this day to Decca and send coppie of your letter abovesaide strictly enordering them to procure a sudden remidy in respect of the moonsoon drawing on :

The Oolock came hither y^{s} morning and wee dispeeded him in y^{e} evening :

Wee rest,

Your Loveing Friends,

MALTHAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. TRENCHFIELD.

Enclosed wee send you sev^{ll} clauses extracted out of the Fort Gen^{ll} by the Shipp *Bengall Merchant* date the 26th July last concerning your factory to which enordered yo^{r} complaince &^{ca} ydem.

M. V.

E. L.

F. E.

R. T.

Mr Job. Charnock &^{ca} Hugly y^{e} 14th September 1681.

Our last to you was of the 14th Curr^{tt} sent you by boate with fifteen chests treasure of y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Laden on three boates and in charge of six pions which wee hope in good time will arrive to you:

Wee have now on five boates and in charge of tenn pions sent you five and twenty chests more of our masters silver whose Invoyce shall this day forward to you, this is what you may expect this year, and till y^{e} arrival of next years expected shipping in Bullion, what more shall be wanting to make up your stock enordered of £ 0000 shall be remitted you in ready money, and it may be as soon as you shall be able to receive money on this now sent, wee are now making out yo*ur* proportion of Stock in goods according to the amount sent us therein this year which wee shall dispeed as it can be got ready and then shall send you an Invoyce thereof.

Wee remaine,

Your loveing friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. TRENCHFEILD.

	Rs.	A.
The amount of y^{e} treasure is . .	349456	
of y^{e} dying stuffe	956	4¾

Right Worpll &ca Councell.

Wee have received yours of date July above ten days since, and have observed the Honble Compa large expectations in reference to the Silk and Taffatie Investments from hence, wee deferr'd its answer till now hoping to have received ye musters of the severall goods ordered to be provided here, which came out of England this yeare, as also the full stock enordered or somewhat neare it, but the former being not yet received nor have wee any certainty of its arrivall and the time of the year grows very short; and off the latter wee have yett but about £24,000 being sent us up in Dollars which yields so slow and heavy markett, that wee are likely to have but the one halfe of its amount in one months space, the remainder the other month, and being thus stinted for want of time, the shroffs must of necessity much impose on us; besides wee are owing at Interest Rs1,18,000 which is no small charge monthly, whereas if wee had an intended Amot it would have produced us more ready money, at the rate of receiving the ½ of it in a month's time, which would have enabled us to have left no oppertunity or bargaine, but also to the payment of the money taken up four months since at Interest which runs so deep, but questionless they have need of it in Hughlie, else they would not lett us have wanted that assistance in a business when the Honble Compa and yourselves have so pressed them. Wherefore as the case stands at present, wee shall be able to provide but the following goods *vizt*:

Raw Silk about	Ba 1,200
Serepore White and Yellow Silk	Ba 136
Floretta Yarne	Ba 100
Fine Taffaties	Ps 16,000
Raw Taffaties	Ps 2,200 : Ps 2,200
Europe dyed Taffaties	Ps 3,500
Farandines	Ps 200

As wee advised the Cheife and Councell lately of the Bay, which quantity much exceeded what hath gone at time from hence of late years, and as for the ensuing year wee question not (provided wee are supplyed with a suitable stock) to provide the full amount of the Honble Compas requires from hence without which to have it at all times in ready Cash in the Factory it cannot be.

With a hearty congratulating your Worplls safe arrivall, wee committ you and your affairs to the guidance of the Almighty and subscribe—

Your Worps &ca,

Most humble Servants,

JOB. CHARNOCK.

ALLEN CATCHPOOLE.

JOHN THREDER.

CASSIMBAZAR,

The 5th 7ber 1681.

Ballasore Road, the 14th January 168½.

To the RIGHT WORPll WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr
Govr of Fort St. George &ca Councell.

Just as the Cheife left Hugly, thereby what he could to expedite the dispatch of ships, came in yours of ye 17 9br last. What the Honble Compas intentions to us may be in respect to the last year ships loseing their passage wee cannot tell, but are certaine wee are not justly blameable, having done our utmost and made as great a dispatch as so great a stock with the little assistance wee had, in every respect would enable us unto.

Wee have given strict orders to those Factoryes that were backward in sending their Accot Currant to us according * * * *, (page torn) from Maulda, wee have noe Bookes occasioned by the great troubles on the new settling that Factory; their want of assistance, their second being forced to be sent to the Mint at Rajamaul for (coyning the Honble Compas money this year, all this wee question not. What wee wrote of Mr Hervy * *

* * * * * (page torn). And Councell at the Chiefe and Mr Littleton here wee have, hopes none of them are vile persons nor the sons of vile men; Richard Harbin that went Master of that Ship to Surratt that voyage, can well confirm ye truth of what asserted here, and it is our desire for the better clearing the matter to the Honble Compa that he may be put to his oath hereon, and produce if he can his Accot of that cargo.

What packing stuff wee could gett ready is sent you on the *Cæsar*, wee shall not henceforward faile to supply you fully according to yor requires hence yearly by the first Shipping.

The Cheife gives you his humble thanks for the Licence you have given him to come up to the Fort, but not knowing what may be in the troubles newly advised off from Decca, and being loth, notwithstanding all the discouragement he meetts with to be out of the way then, especially when he presumes his presence here may be more requisite, he is forced to wave it this year hoping that by your favor his Concerns there may not suffer thereby.

The timbers were offer'd and enordered aboard these three ships here, but refused for reasons given in the several Commanders Lres or answers to those orders, so that now wee dispair that any Commanders will be induced to carry away any of them to the Coast, and therefore least they should rott where they are wee are thinking to carry them hence to Hugly, to lett them lye in the Compas yard for their Sloopes, and sale on occasion, since they will but rott as they now lye.

Our severall Books of accots with Dyarys and Consultations &ca come as inlisted required and usuall to which please to be referred.

Mr Perrin dyed in Ballasore in the time of the Cheifship of Mr Richard Edwards, his Inventory wee have enquired after but it cannot be found, and the Cheife aforesaid being dead wee know not of whome to require it.

Wee have now dispatched to you the Ships *George*, *Cæsar* and *Bengall Merchant* to you with the severall vizt the first amts to Rs. the second to Rs. the last to Rs. in all for which please to give us Creditt, wee call not else to mind at present save to subscribe—

Right Worpll &ca Councell

Your humble Servts,

MATTS VINCENT.

JNO BYAM.

RICHD TRENCHFIELD.

P.S.—Wee have delayed the dispatch of these ships till this 16th January in expectation of the Invoices of their Cargoes, which were not yet come to hand for want of the Inland Invoice of goods from Cassambazar and Maulda as wee are informed from Hugly, but now fearing to keepe these ships any longer they come onely with their bills of Lading, wee intending to send their Invoyces by the ship *Anne* to rights and duplicates to them by the Sloopes which if Saltpetre comes as is hoped from Pattana may by the end of this month, two of them be coming towards you. By reason of the stop expected as by advices from Decca, the Cheife was willing to come himselfe with these last goods to be near at hand to clear all things, not questioning but the Invoices would have followed, and wee are very sorry but connot help that it has fallen out otherwise by reason of stoppage of our goods at Decca & Maulda, with the losse of Saltpetre from Pattana, and the missing and loss of some goods on countrey Boates between this and Hugly, wee being forced to use them for gruffe goods in want of Decked Vessells. Our Tonnage will not reach what wee formerly advised but question not you will be able, having a good quantity of Saltpetre in store at the Fort, to supply what wanting: The *Bengall Merchant* want 343 bags Saltpetre of his allowed quantity of Saltpetre, the boates on which it was sent from Hugly being not yett heard of, having also 700 Baggs Turmerick for the *Anne* on board her.

The Cheife here sends his son by the *George* for England to be educated there and desires your favor to him,

Idem Servants,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

JNO BYAM.

RICHARD TRENCHFIELD.

Ballasore, 2d May, recd 13th June 1682.

RIGHT WORPLL SIR &ca.

On ye 12th past month wee received yours of the 20th of March last, by our Honble Masters new Sloope *Maddapollam*, whome wee provided with a Pilott, and Buoyes and Ropes for the Treasure Chests, and do since understand shee is arrived at Hugly in safety.

Herewith goes the Worpll Cheife &ca Councells Packett from Hugly which came to our reception the last night, is all wee have at present to add worth your Worps &ca notice wee subscribe—

Right Worpll &ca,

Your Most Humble Servants,

JNO BYAM.

THO. BROMLEY.

HEN. STANLY.

Hugly, 17th of Aprill 1682.

Recd 13th June 1682.

To the Rt Wm GYFFORD, Esqr,

Governr of Fort St George, Agent for Affairs of ye Honble Compa on ye Coast Cormandell & Bay of Bengall &c Councell.

Ships dispeeded & the reasons why the Invoyces were——sooner.

Our last to you was the 16th January when wee dispeeded the *Bengal. Merchant* for Madapollam, and the *George* & *Cæsar* for yor Port and had hoped that wee should have have had another oppertunity shortly after to have wrote you again by some of our Sloopes & to have sent you the Invoyces of the Ship *Anne* whome wee dispeeded directly for England the 6th of February full laden, as also those of the 3 ships aforesaid, which were then omitted by reason the time growing short & they being laden it was not thought good to detain ym any longer, but that they proceeded without them, duplicates of all went by the *Anne*, and those Invoyces came to our hands two days after the dispeedure of said ship being detarded in the way some two days by the terrible weather mett with, & before by the Invoices of the Inland Factory's not coming downe more early some whereof could not be sent till all their goods were dispeeded.

Comotions arising in the land the reason why the Cheife of Bengall writt noe sooner.

It was the 2d of March ere the Cheife arrived hither when wee were intending to be writing you, but suddainly after we began to be apprehensive that great comotions and troubles might arise here in the land, therefore forbore sometime that wee might be able to make some judgement what effects the same might have on our Hon^{ble} Masters affairs in those parts, w^{ch} wee shall give you after wee have made an additionll answer (not having time then to reply as the same required), to yo^{rs} of the 17th of November last rec^{d} by the Cheife in the way to Ballasore.

M^{r} Vincent endeavours to justifie himselfe in the managem^{t} of y^{e} Comp^{as} affairs by expectation excuses & unhandsome reflections on y^{e} Agency.

Wee had well hoped instead of your wish, you would have given us rather some assurance that our apology for the last year's Shippings no sooner departure would not but meet with a favourable acceptance from our Masters, being what wee wrote you therein is unfeignedly true, which if occasion were could be made legally appear so to be. Wee never hoped that our endeavours should be judg'd by the success but the Act, the former not being in our power, if wee were wanting in our duty which is getting in the goods, ladeing and dispeeding the ships when laden, wee are then ready to beare the blame, but if a Vessell of 30 tons cannot carry 100 tons at once but must make 3 or 4 trips therefore, and those trips take up each of them the same time as if all had been carryed at once, and by these indispensable necessary repeated turns a far longer time elapses, then if but one turn had been made, then wee can assure yourselves wee were innocent & this is possitively our case, but if you supposed otherwise you had done us a kindness in undeceiving us by showing particularly wherein wee failed in our duty, for a gen^{ll} charge cannot doe it. The tonnage provided by us that year was far greater then in former times, when the ships were dispeeded hence sooner .and most of it to the vast damage of the Comp^{a} then provided at Ballasore whereby it required less time shipping off, but the Inland Factories are now all supplied wth their full stocks and goods bought at their proper places at the best hand w^{ch} being far distant from the road of Ballasore it will require near three months time to ship the same hence wth y^{t} assistance wee have of vessells, it being a run not less then from London to Portsmouth or Yarmouth, w^{ch} being good part in the river and w^{ch} at that time of the year is foggy especially in the night and till the sune is well advanced, so that at such times there is no stirring till it cleers up, sands for the most parts all the way in & out the river so that it is accounted a good turn of a sloope to unlade and return in 20 dayes, sometimes they doe it in lesse and often times in more. That this year the Ships were late dispatcht wee could no waies prevent, our endeavours were not in the least wanting according to our abilities, how our good came in, how those of the other Factorys came to us is easy to be seen. Wee have great cause to fear that the *Bengall Merchant* will indubitably loose her passage tho wee apprehend no danger of the rest, and that of her wee should also have prevented, if your perticular possitive orders of dispatching her after the other three had not caused our forbearance, not knowing, since you require such absolute possitive complyance in meaner and but triviall matters, how haniously * it would have been taken and how severely it might have been censured. You will find that wee alwayes used to send the latter Ships of late directly for y^{e} Fort S^{t} George, if not contrould therein by the positive orders of the Agency as this year, so that wee cannot suspect the least blame can by any means be on this acco^{t} laid to our charge, and wee shall not question but our Hon^{ble} Masters will therein acquit us, but if it should fall out otherwise and that either by the misapprehension of some or misrepresentations of others (w^{ch} wee may have cause to fear), wee shall any of us fall under the displeasure of our Masters so far as to have our threatned removall or change to be actually exercised on us to our not only disgrace but it is likely allmost irreparable ruin, tho it would be an exceeding grief of heart as well as disappointment to us, yet wee shall endeavour to leave it with all the submission and patience wee can, well knowing wee have not any of us in his station gone less in our duty and dilligence in serving our Hon^{ble} Employers (lett mistake and detraction alleage what it can against us), according to the best of our understanding, present power and circumstances.

M^{r} Vincent's unmannerly retort ab^{t} closing the bookes.

Wee hope if the Inland Factories, for wee shall not persume to call them subordinate, shall bee so long this year in sending down their bookes to us as last, you will not be displeased if wee proceed to the closure of ours without them as you have done yours this year without ours occasioned by the aforesaid his reasons why he will not proceed to precuniary fines.

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* As in the original.

neglect. They have most of them been admonished more then once already, therefore if yet any shall continue in the same acts, wee shall advise you thereof, that you may take what course with them shall seem best to you, for as to the enforcing the paymt of any sume of money as a penalty or fine, wee desire you will excuse us therefrom, it requiring in our opinions a greater authority and more lyable to legall enquiries then the suspention of a person from acting in our Masters service upon accot of irregularities and offences committed therein by them, which you allow us not.

about placing the Pilotts in Bengall.

Mr Vincents claime to yt Priviledge.

his manner of arguing, and his reasons for yt for a farther latitude in other things.

Your resentment of our going contrary to your orders, as you seeme to hint, about our placing the eldest before the younger Pilot is somewhat strange to us it being the way used hitherto, and those persons have been always more entirely at our disposall being such as are appointed for this place in a more peculiar manner and ever heretofore entertained, placed and preferred by us as being much more capable of knowing their abilities and deserts then any others at a distance can; and if it be not so wee shall be able to keepe as little comand over them as 'tis visible wee have over others, and though you seem to require such absolute and universall complyance with your orders, wee hope you will not be displeased, that wee take the freedome to give you our opinions, that if in our Masters affairs wee cannot have a liberty of acting in extraordinary emergencies according as the posture of them shall necessarily require, even to the superceeding your possitive orders if requisite thereto by reason of the variation of circumstances, times &ca which may easily and often does occur in regard of ye great distance you are from us, we know not but we may, by a too strict adherence to your orders in matter of forme in some cases, bring very great damage to our Masters thereby, nor can wee apprehend why wee are made a directive Council, if we can have no latitude in acting but meerely and barely as ordered.

Mr Vincents &ca., misapprehensions about Dyett money & yt if ye compas servts for want of room in ye Factories should lye abroad 'twould not be sufficient.

As to what you write abt dyett money wee fear wee may misapprehend yor intentions and therefore desire you would please to be acquainted that none of the Compas Covenant Servants in the Bay doe lye out of the Campas Factories, nor are permitted so to do while accommodation can be had in them, wch if by any encrease of Servants should faile, conveniency of house roome abroad for a family would amount in this place to near ye money you assign for Dyett & all.

Concerning the allowances for Servants wages.

Mr Vincent in a rage.

By Servants wee suppose you mean those only wch are requisite for a kitchen as Cooke, butler, scullion, Kateror &ca and not those Servants wch attend our persons, wch for them to whome the same is allowed was stinted by the late Agent when here, if otherwise you mean, then Servants wages will amount to more than what you allow for Dyett & all, as perticularly the Cheife of ye Bay is by order allowed 12 rups ꝑ mo for Serrvants wages, and if thereto be added Cooke &ca he will have little if any thing left for Dyett. You make no distinction in the degrees of persons among us, onely Cheife and Councell and others not of Councell, so that an Hospitall boy, Writer, Factor, Merchant & Senr Merchant if not of Councell are all under one and the same allowance, which you may please to consider whether it be consonant to the design of our Masters, when for the encouragement of their Servants, they were pleased to order those titles and Degrees. If wee understand you not amiss you seeme to us to levell the Cheife of the Bay in this perticular not onely wth ye rest of the Councell of the same, but also with the meanest of the Councell of ye Inland Factorys, who may be at times but Writers as many of them were but two years since, wch seem no mean slighting and disesteem of a Person in so Nationall and publick an Employment, and at whose table there is on that accot such constant unavoyable resort of strangers of our own and other Nations.

Reasons why a good Table ought to be kept in Bengall.

Mr. Master tho a man frugall enough did not take away from ye allowance of the Table.

The Europe ships are here generally 5 or 6 months which causes great resort, and the Moonsoon lasts neer 9 months for other vessels, unto both wch our house is as an open Court, and this being a plentifull country for provisions it would look very odd should a mean penurious Table be kept; and such a Table as will serve in other places will not do here, especially, where 'tis publicque as the Cheifs must be. Wee desire it may be noted the Compa have not as wee know of blamed us for any prodigallity in this perticular nor in any other, nor were wee found fault with by Agent Master when he came downe partly for settling such matters, tho he was a man of a temper as neare as could be desired in that Point, and had his education at Surratt, a place fam'd for its frugallity or rather pinchingness in belly Timber. Nor did he propose a more frugall way then was used, whatever spent on yt Accot being entered and brought to Accot in the bookes as may appear in those of this and Cassambazar Factory, those to whome Dyett money hath been or is allowed receive as followeth. The Councell or those equall therewth as the Chaplain 25 rups ꝑ month, the Writers 15 rups ꝑ month, and that onely in this Factory in regard of the great resort hither as above noted.

Concerning Mr Hervy & his fault in not sending advises to Hugly.

Mr Vincent's desire to know whether ye order given by Mr Master concerning Mr Hervy be repealed and in what cases he may proceed to suspension.

Wee have sent Mr Hervy his charge, but you will scarce have his answer herewith, tho what he hath to say for himselfe in those former defaults will ere this come to your view in ye coppies of the letters sent you, which tho not in the formall way yet amounts to the same method you prescribe, and it should seem he is so little concerned for the event that he hath again renewed his said default, wee not having recd any advice from since the 13th Xbr recd ye 27th Do wch is now near 4 months, wee doe not find in any of our constitutions any penalty appointed for those defaults less then suspencion or dismission, there is a penalty of sallary about the Bookes but none about the Dyaryes, tho by way anallogy or equality it may be extended to that also, the order about them being made upon this occasion. Ano 1676 an order was made for keeping of Dyaryes and Consultations and sending them monthly to Hugly (then termed the head Factory), this being distributed to the Subordinate Factories; the order was observed in all save Pattana, where for yeare 1677: and 1678: not any was kept, and the project but scorned and laughed at, which being taken notice off by the Agency, an order came enforcing the former, and that if any yet neglect it, they should be dismissed or suspended and others putt in their places, upon wch immediately a Dyary was begun there, nothing enforcing Duty save a fear of punishmt whereby such persons duty appears no other then slavish, not the least conscientious, it being the punishmt not the fault they desire to avoyd. Wee doe well know by vertue of the power recd from the late Agent &c. by theirs dated the 12th of August 1681 (not to mention any the Compa themselves have entrusted us with), and given upon accot of Mr Hervy's default before, wee might have proceeded against him to the suspending his acting in the Compas service, yet wee were rather willing, (not to seeme to be overforward in such cases), to acquaint yourselves also therewith, and wee desire to know whether you doe repeale that very order or power there made or given, and we would further have your opinions if any should be guilty of criminall acts or any such offences which shall render them plainly unfaithfull in that trust, as by taking the Compas goods and selling them, detaining the money privately for their own use or the like misbehaviour, (that it will not be safe to permit their being in a Factory), wee shall not immediately suspend them from acting or continue the intrustment in their hands till wee shall here from you, whereby they may doe a further damage, and in wt cases or whether in none suspencion may be used ere you are acquainted therewith. Wee heartily wish such courses may be taken as none may dare to appear refractory or slight orders, and then wee may promise ourselves, the Compas affairs will goe on more currantly, when all shall with one shoulder yeild their assistance, wch now is manifest they doe not. And the Cheife being given to understand by advises from an eminent member of the Committee that their will be a great encrease of Tunnage this year in Bay goods if our disorders ere then not ended, wee know not how wee shall be able to goe thro wth the same, either to the satisfaction of our Employers or content to ourselves, about which good consideration wee conceive ought to be had, and if M^{r} Hervy should be acquitted and his faults passed over it will be a very great encouragement to others to commit the like disorders, slighting and villyfüng their Superiors and all orders, by which means if any thing should happen to the prejudice of the Comp^{as} affairs either in their Investments or otherwise, wee should be exceedingly troubled thereat, but must declar wee are wholly clear therefrom.

if M^{r} Hervy be acquitted 'twill encourage others to committ y^{e} like disorders.

M^{r} Prickman is removed to Cassambazar & M^{r} Stanley putt in his place at Ballasore, whome wee had intended as Clerk or Steward for the Stores of our shipping, but since you have resolved it otherwise wee must submitt, and wee are at a loss what you mean by his going on the Sloopes as a factor to looke after the goods on occasion, for wee cannot tell whether you intend by that word any extraordinary circumstatialled perticular time of w^{ch} whether you allow us to be Judges is not cleer, or whether you may mean all times whenever there is occasion of sending any goods on the sloopes, w^{ch} please to determine plainly to us. And if the former then what that perticular occasion shall be or leave it to ourselves that so wee may not again be blamed for the neglect of any thing as a great fault w^{ch} wee never knew to be our duty before, and wee desire in order hereto it may not be displeasing that wee note some few things to you.

Concerning M^{r} Stanley & his employment.

That Ballasore Factory stands upon a small river not navigable much above it, unless in time of great flouds & freshes, and the river issues into the North West part of the Bay some 20 miles from the Factory, tho by land it be not above 8 miles, from thence over the Barr to the place usually were the ships ride is generally 3: 4: 5: leagues according to the time of year; that Hugly river is another distinct river, nor doe they any way meete nearer then about 60: miles, that in sending our goods hence as also those of all the inland Factories wee have no entercourse with Ballasore, but they are sent directly hence aboard, where wee have a Factor that takes acco^{t} of all and lades the same according to our directions taking receipts therefore in a book given us from time to time an Acco^{t} thereof, and all goods &c^{a} from Europe come directly to us without landing at Ballasore onely so much as it appointed by us for their Stock. They also at Ballasore send their goods directly aboard the ships and not up to us, so that there are no goods passes from Ballasore hither or hence thither of the Comp^{as} unless some times they may want some perticular Europe goods, and wee some necessaries as iron worke and Timbers for the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} yard here, w^{ch} it will be herdly thought worth y^{e} while for a Factor to attend upon. That our Sloopes in their passing to and fro very seldome keep together, nor is it our desire or indeed convenient for many reasons, they ridding business much better and faster, so that there being severall of them M^{r} Stanley can be of use but to *one* Sloope at a time, that the Masters of the Sloops do give receipts or bills of lading for all the goods they receive in here, w^{ch} is sent down aboard and taken up by them when the goods are delivered, and so likewise for goods & Treasure rec^{d} from the ships or Ballasore, and they are accounted answerable for the same, nor have wee in our experience of this practice cause to suspect the integrety of any of them in the least on said acco^{t}, and it would be a little regret to those sort of persons to have any such Superintendents, and besides the charge must be in the Master, or else he cannot signe a receipt, nor be accounted answerable; and some of our Pilotts are men whose education and extraction is not inferior to most of any Factors, and so upon that acco^{t} might have entered upon the Employ of a Factor as well as Pilott had it been their lot, and are capable of giving goods as Security either here or in England, most of them so well skilled in Navigation that they are capable of taking charge of a ship from any part not needing to learn of any Masters or mates that come from England, and their mates able enough too, so that M^{r} Stanley's Navigatory skill can little help them in that point, and as for those who are wanting in that perticular yet are not the worse Pilotts for the river or between this and Ballasore, nor know wee of what use he can be upon any of them between this and that place by virtue of his skill, he not being vers'd in the Sholds & Sands, and so not capable of carrying a vessel unless to assist one of our

M^{r} Vincents sev^{ll} reasons & arguments why M^{r} Stanley ought not to saile in any of the sloops.

Pilotts, and thereby be instructed in the sands &c^{a} of the River, & without w^{ch} would be a work too mean for one of his quality; and as to hinder Boatmen from stealing that must wee conceive be understood of those goods that goe off at Ballasore, to w^{ch} end our Smallest Sloope is yearly appointed to attend there and carries off those goods of w^{ch} there is most danger, and what goes on Countrey boates (besides our Peons) there generally goes an Englishman, but that he must needs be a navigator is not apparent, they being ever neer enough in sight of Land, nor needs there one of the Councell of a Factory for that worke as M^{r} Stanley is now till your further orders appointed to, nor doe wee conceive it convenient that a Warehouse-keeper in w^{ch} Station he now acts can be permitted in the time of business to goe to and fro in that nature he must do if he be so employed. Of what hath been hinted wee desire you please to consider, and if you shall think it very necessary still that he goes to & fro in the Sloops, then let it be directed in what Sloop and what times that wee may not be at a loss or fall under the censure of w^{t} wee understand not the meaning of. The best way of preventing Boatmens stealing would be by sending all goods of from Ballasore in our own boates, and therefore if to that end you would end, you would give directions to Madapollam for the building one or two boates like unto Dutch Catches or our Hoys in Englands ab^{t} 20 tonns each, with hatches to open and take off fore & aft, from the mast to the aft sheet, they would be of singular use & soon quitt their costs. Wee suppose those made at Madapollam 2 years since and cast away Anno 1680, coming down too late in the year into the Bay for the same use, were such, tho wee are not assured of it.

Concerning the Raw Silk sent to Surratt; M^{r} Vincent resents y^{e} Agents &^{a} censuring him for it his reasons.

Wee gave you an acco^{t} of those Persons that were concerned in the ship that went to Surratt 1679 and the quantity of raw Silk sent upon her being onely 25 Bales and that all in Silk Punjah of w^{ch} far greater quantityes then that went this year & hath alwayes to the Coast, and yet not forbid or taken any notice of by you, and altho the Comp^{a} (by reason they had not advises hence that year 1679, might well continue in apprehension of their Investments of raw Silk falling short that year, yet it is wondred you should agree therein also. Surely you cannot be ignoreant that y^{e} goods were with you, Bengall having Creditt for the same in your bookes of Acco^{t}, and the Dyary and Letter bookes of that year of y^{e} Factory of Cassambazar if ever looked into will cleerly evidence the same, and moreover that the incumbent that year there was so far from falling short, several hundred Bales were provided by y^{e} merchants without Imprest, thro the Interest & encouragement of the said incumbent however blamed, y^{e} Comp^{a} not having any Cash there at that time as is easily evinced by turning to the bookes of that year, so that he much admires he should suffer such a censure from you for what you must necessarily know he is wholly innocent off.

promise that no perticular goods be laden on y^{e} Comp^{as} Solops.

Wee shall take care no goods be laden on the Comp^{as} Sloopes for perticular ℘ sons but wee are still of opinion y^{t} it is not intended against those necessarys & provisions, w^{ch} by the Europe Ships are sent us out, & for w^{ch} generall freight is paid in England, & it can no wayes prejudice the Comp^{as} concerns being at y^{t} time the Sloope never came fully laden.

M^{r} Vincent desires y^{t} paragraphs in the Comp^{as} Lre relating to Bengall be sent thither in authentique coppies.

We take great notice of yo^{r} desiring to send us a duplicate of the Comp^{as} Lre this year to yourselves, tho wee have alwayes rec^{d} the same formerly by their owne standing directions, w^{ch} since you are pleased to forbear in the whole, wee make it our formall request y^{t} whatsoever paragraphs may any ways concern us you would remit to us in authentique coppies, y^{t} wee may not onely know the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} intentions as abstracted and modified by yourselves, but may also be acquainted wth their orders and expectations as well as our duty in their owne possitive words, w^{ch} we think is not unreasonable, and whereby as wee conceive wee may be enabled the better to perform what is required of us by having a more immediate and perspicuous sight of our Masters pleasure and orders in their owne words.

News.

The troubles wee are apprehensive of are thus, about y^{e} month of December last, a son of Shauh Suja by name Zavool Obden had a design of surprizeing the

Castle of Pattana, but was taken in the enterprize and is known to be one of Sauh Sujah's younger sons, and declares his father & the rest of y^e children, except Banko Sultan y^e eldest, to be all alive; since that time the ways between Pattana & Rajamaul have been greatly infested, severall robberies committed, so y^t convoyes have been forced to be appointed of 100 or 200 horse at a time, but in y^e end of February one Gungharam, formerly Duan to Bahadur Cawn, whose jaggeer or rents then lay ab^t Pattana, appears in armes wth ab^t 5 or 6,000 horse, having come as reported from Sultan Eckbur (at p^{r}'sent y^e third son to this Emperour & now in rebellion, against whome y^e Emperour is gone forth) thro' the hilly and Gentio Princes Countries, and in the name of y^e said Sultan, soon made himselfe Master of Beharr & severall other places of importance neer Pattana, not robbing the Countrey, but taking all he can meet with of the Kings & Officers, & acting more like the Servant of a naturall Prince then a rebell, sometime he lay before the walls of Pattana demanding the same & y^e treasury, and had severall skirmishes wth the Nabob's forces, and upon the last (wherein y^e great loss fell on y^e Nabobs side) is retired some 6 or 7 leagues from Pattana, as our last advice thence tells us. Wee know not what Judgement to make hereof, whether the skirmishes between him and the Nabob were onely feigned upon some more deepe designe w^{ch} suspicion is more created by our Nabob Shasteh Cawnes sitting still all the while as unconcerned, tho he might from Rajamaull have sent such considerable force as in 5 or 6 dayes might have reached Pattana and in all likelyhood dispersed Gungharam and relieved the Nabob, who for some considerable time was beseidged. Wee know not what influence those troubles may have on our Masters trade at Pattana in getting in Saltpetre, but fear the Investment will be extreamly lessoned if onely thro the loss of great ℘^{t} of y^e time & chiefe season for making thereof as is already done, and tis not unlikely great remains may also be made by the wildness of the times and whether there will not be great trouble in getting it down if at all to be effected is greatly to be questioned, great charge will accrew by reason of keeping a very great nomber of Servants for saving the Factory from sacking w^{ch} in such times may run otherwise great hazards thro' the Zimmanders and Countrey people who use on such occasions to be fishing. However wee have confidence in this Province of Bengall, wee may have peace and tranquillity thro' the authority of our Nabob, being the richest and most powerfull man in all the Empire.

fears that the troubles at Pattana may impead the Comp^{as} business.

hope of quiettness in the province of Bengall.

And our dilligence and care shall not be wanting to secure our Masters concerns the best wee can tho any sudden invasion should succeed, having our Sloops in a readiness for our Security at last, but yet wee cannot but be giving forth of money on our Investments, for if wee doe not & the proper time of year slip wee shall be to seek afterwards when occasion requires it, and if wee doe 'tis not impossible but great remains will be made if the times succeed troublesome. But it is our opinions that y^e Comp^{as} Investm^{ts} are of too great concernment to be neglected or delayed, therefore 'tis our intention to endeavour to secure the same by all the most likely means and leave the success to him in whose hand's 'tis in. Wee are very sensible wee may meet wth no small troubles this year, having lately had heer a change of Government in this port as wee have cause to foresee much for the worse, the Port Customes being y^e Kings Rents are, by the Duan of Bengall put into the hands of Boolcund, a Servant and Cheife confident of the Nabob's, who hath been for those many years past Governour for him in Muxudavad under which Cassambazar factory is, and hath had his Jaggeer or Rents all ab^t us also, a most shrewd and rapacious fellow; wee heartily wish it may have no influence on our Masters affairs here in these parts, all or most of our business being now in his hands, what wee can possibly doe according to the best of our judgem^{ts} shall be no wayes wanting, wee have at present so wrought upon his Deputy here, that our trade continues in the same freedome as formerly, & if it be in our power wee shall so keep the same, well knowing wee cannot rely on any redress to be obtained from Dacca, that Factory being as one cutt off from us, of whome as wee must wholly forbear to expect so allso to require any

Apprehensions of some troubles this year, the Customes of Bengall being in y^e hands of Boolcund.

No redress to be expected from Decca, in case of any troubles to seeke it otherwise.

further help in those affairs for which it was at first intended, being resolved upon any troubles that may approach to try what can be done otherwise.

Promise that Cassambazar shall always be supplied wth Cash.

You will by the Invoyces see how large returns wee have made of the Stock sent us, and thereby be ready to judge how little wee have left to carry on this year's Investments, Pattana wee have supplyed fully and Cassambazar is well in Cash, when it shall want wee are resolved to furnish them fully not onely, tho wee may be in want for our owne Investments, but tho wee should be necessitated to take the same up at Interest, being resolved there shall be nothing wanting in that factory on our Parts for y^{e} answering the Comp^{as} Expectation thence.

Rebellious Decca supplied with more then needfull & not to be entrusted, being Sons of Beliall & subject to no yoake &c^{a}.

Decca Factory is supplied more then it may be is needfull, for they fell so short of what they were enordered last year and themselves promised, that having assigned no reason for the same, wee cannot think they are at present fit to be intrusted with more, without your possitive order, being also as wee may look upon them, Sons of Beliall, men subject to no yoake as out Laws, in rebellion, and tho wee have not as before noted had any advise from them since December last, yett wee are enformed by some perticular Letters by way of Cassambazar, (for with that Cheifship they can keep a correspondence tho they vouchsafe it not to us), that the Stop upon our Trade wrote us last of still continues, tho wee do hear of no such things from any else either Natives or Europeans; therefore wee are of opinion it would be best that what money they have in Cash were remitted to Cassambazar which when it shall please them, that wee shall hear from them shall be taken into consideration.

Concerning Maulda Factory & y^{e} bad plight it is in by reason of Decca designs.

4 or 500 bales of silk shall be provided there.

Maulda Factory is but in a mean plight at pres^{t} for y^{e} reasons wee have before hinted in our generall to the Comp^{a}, and in y^{t} no remedy can be had at Decca. Therefore, they rather seeming to rejoyce thereat & further imbroyle y^{t} business under-hand then seeke to redress y^{e} same, the Cheife thereof hath been wth us some time, representing to us fully y^{e} state of y^{t} place, & upon consideration wee are returning of him again enordring him to use there all possible means to evade throw hat troubles shall occur, in which, (knowing of how great advantage that Factory is like to be to our Masters,) wee shall be assisting him y^{e} best way wee can & hope it may be effectuall notwithstanding the Dacca designs. If wee can procure any Money time enough it is our possitive intention to invest 4 or 500 Bales of Silke if it be had of y^{e} enordered wind there, besides what is provided at Cassambazar & other where that (if possibly) the Company may have no reason to complain of y^{e} want of that comodity, of which such quantityes may be had if effects be at hand, the great troubles the Governours give at Maulda have occasioned very great remains & give very great disheartnings, but wee doubt not but M^{r} Needham with those helps & Instructions that he will have from us may be able (tho probably not in that nature as might be desired) so to accomodate matters (at present of a very ill aspect) that the Comp^{a} may receive thence this year what they have enordered to y^{e} full of any Stock comes early & in due time.

Concerning the augmentation of y^{e} Investment of, raw silk & the taking up money at interest.

Wee had gone thus far when came to hand letters from the Agent &c^{a} at Surratt of y^{e} 31st of January bringing with them our Hon^{ble} Employers advises of y^{e} 22nd Aprill & 22nd July 1681. Coppies whereof wee immediately transmitted to Cassambazar whose answer thereto if it comes in time shall be transmitted to you herewith; by them wee have full assurance of what before hinted to you that wee shall have an increase of Stock and Shipping this year and an augmentation in Investment of raw silk more perticularly w^{ch} as far as lyes in our power shall be complyed with, and where stock shall be wanting wee shall endeavour to gett it taken up at Interest, no money that you can foresee being to be had upon exchange, and w^{t}ever is ordered, wee shall so far as concern ourselves and as far as our authority shall reach, soe that it may be effected what possible. Whether so vast a quantity of silk will be procurable this year as y^{e} Comp^{a} seem to think is easy especially of the coarsest sorts, wee shall not give our opinions least wee interfer with theirs, but wish that it doe succeed according to expectation, it will certainly cause all manner of Silke to rise, at least to keep its price w^{ch} otherwise might and was appearingly falling, the Guzzerat merchants at present holding their hands by reason of y^{e} troubles w^{ch} seems hovering over that part of those Countries that lyes in the way hence thither. Sugar wee shall provide 100 Tuns w^{ch} is likely may be of good use this shipping, by reason of the fears wee have of Petre falling short it will be necessary that you take some other method about the ships dispatch this year, and to order the first shipps to Metchlep^{a} & Madapollam and if more then one are dispeeded directly hence for England it will be much y^{e} better, and if any of them come up the River their Loading and departure will be much accelerated thereby. The Horrible disorders w^{ch} wee are under here at present may have very bad influence upon what may be expected from us in respect of that enlargement of Trade y^{e} Comp^{a} will yet enorder, therefore, it is hoped that you will take some such course as to put all in good order or else y^{t} you will not lay any blame upon us for any the unhappy effects they may have. Wee having nothing left us by you in our hands to quench the same. If our great Investments do cause trouble with our Govern^{rs} as 'tis likely it may and thereby bring us under a necessity of enlargeing in presents and gifts to them it must be done, nor can wee foresee, but to secure all the said Investments wee may be necessitated to give way so far as to y^{e} infringing of those great priviledges (w^{ch} have cost so much and whereof wee have hitherto been so cheary and with great success & advantage to our Employers), not only by some new courses but even to y^{e} paying of Custome, no help being in such cases to be expected from Dacca while M^{r} Hervy continues in his long practised refractories and contumacy. Therefore wee request that you would let us know what wee may doe in such a case, whether wee shall not submit unto such tearmes as can be procured from those in authority tho: hard, chargeable, and such as may intrench upon the very heart of our priviledges or rather then so, to hazard y^{e} Ships Moonsoon and sending them away dead freighted. Wee are the more sollicitous herein because by reason of our being out of frame so much, wee are apprehensive some clouds may arise to y^{e} great interruption of the Comp^{as} affairs if not dispersed and dispelled in due time and by due means; and by reason of M^{r} Job Charnock Anno 1679 did rather chuse to let the Petre come downe too late for the ships (whereby they had been hugely dead fraughted, if better and more timely care had not been taken here below and was the sole cause of their so late dispatch for w^{ch} wee here only bear the blame) then either to submit to what required by y^{e} Nabob of Pattana, or act according to our orders or contrary to his own humour, tho he was forced at last at a greater charge to take the course directed to at first, and not finding but it was well resented. Wee know not but the acting according to another manner out of a well meant Zeale (tho by some it may be accounted misguided) for our Masters Interest wee may fall under your severe censure, for wee doe profess it is our positive judgement that y^{e} Comp^{as} Investments being of greater concern than an humour, or Punctilio of Creditt and honour, are to be secured by all such methods as may be fittest, and tho sometimes wee cannot possibly tread those paths therein that are most desirable yet wee must goe those wayes that are feasable, and not leave the work undon, notwithstanding whatever mispresentations or misjudgeings wee may fear to meet withall, unto this our request query wee desire your positive and plain reply.

fears that the price of silk will rise.

directions how the ships should be dispatched.

if the Gover^{rs} impend the Comp^{as} business M^{r} Vincent intends to be very large in Piscashes, even to the paying of Custome.

desires directions therein.

The Treasure or Silver w^{ch} arrives on the Europe Ships and generally called quick Stock is many times far from it, for wee desire you would note this a comodity as well as others, rising and falling according as there are buyers and being many times very long ere money can be made thereof, some part of last years being yet on hand. Rialls (w^{ch} being a known Coyne sells quickest) might sometimes tho never so great a quantity be turned into money in a very short time after they arrive upon such abatements in y^{e} price as may answer the laying down of so much ready money; but if wee should make any such Contracts

Ab^{t} the Europe Treasure & the disposall thereof.

wee should soon have the mouths of some open against us, therefore did rather chuse to send their Stock in specie to them wch had occasioned ye mint at Rajamaul to be clog'd with persons coyning in our name, tho the second of Maulda hath been there ever since and some time before upon that Accot wch as wee conceive it might have been some hindrant to the speedier dispatch of that affair so also that it is not att all convenient to have so many persons useing our name in one and the same employ even in one of our residences or Factories.

The Compas Stock being much enlarged and still yearly augmenting, wee conceive it best that all that Silver which cannot presently be made money of, as also what shall not be sent to those Factories where is a mint distinct, to be sent directly to the mint at Rajamaul, there to be coyned by some Englishman appoynted thereto, and the Factories to be supplyed according as the same comes forth, which may expedite that affair and prevent many other Inconveniences wch the way used this year may occasion. By what you write of the Compas desires of having the same goods from all places of the Bay, as also what they write us themselves about the same, wee suppose is meant no other then that such goods as are either manufactured or generally are brought to be vended in any places where our Factories are, shall be bought at all such places they are so to be had at, tho they be dearer in one place then another, wch shall be performed.

Mr Vincent's way of arguing about sending a monthly acct of Cash to ye Fort.

The Company in theirs of the 22d July do mention to us the giving you an Accot of what wee doe in the great business of the raw Silk, and to send you a Monthly Accot of our Cash according to their former rules of wch there never were any, nor can wee tell of wt use it will be to you, or their Affairs, for if meant of ours onely then the whole designe is lost, for wee shall make but little use of ye Money permitted to be taken up for raw Silk, intending, much not being to be had here, to provide but little of that comodity here, but if all are included where those goods are provided and where the money is to be taken up, then it will be convenient they be ordered to send their Diaries & Accot of Cash sooner to us then usuall, for wee seldome have the Cassambazar ones of one month till the end of the succeeding month or ye begining of the mo after. Wee shall order them that the same be sent always by ye 5th of ye succeeding month, but it would be necessary you did it yourselves also, and that with some penalty, least our orders should be slighted. This wee think should be done if you shall conceive it necessary to have monthly advices from us, and wee desire it may be considered whether those Factorys may not better correspond directly with you, being * wee shall have otherwise onely a transient sight & no records of ye management of their affairs, unless they be ordered to send two Dyaries for every month one for the Fort the other to lye in ye factory of wch you may please to advise us your judgements, or whether you will think it convenient to order the sending our Dyaries at all otherwise then according to the standing rules in that case, in that should wee monthly send them, besides the consideration of the charge, it will be at least two months ere ordinarily they will come to your hands after their date wch whether it may be equivalent use or not wee leave to your decision expecting your orders herein.

the reasons why no sloops came to the Fort this year.

We had intended and orders were given for ye sending up some of ye Compas sloopes to you after the ships were dispatched, but tho our friends at Pattana had dispeeded in January three boats wth Saltpetre thence and advised us in two or three dayes after that they would dispeed more (in wch they were prevented) yet those boats arrived not with us till ye 27th February when tho a sloop was fitted yet it was judged too late to adventure her up, wch is the reason you have not till now heard from us since ye shipping.

We have yours of the 27th February 8th and 20th March by the Sloop *Maddapollam* which arrived before ye factory ye 19th instant. Your intimation of advice from Sr Joshua Child of a great Investment to be made here in the Bay in raw silk, the Cheife as before intimated, had received before from him directly, and wee had taken care abt the same by sending our Masters advices to Mr Charnock, who is to take care of what concerns him and wee shall not faile in what wee can doe. Wee observe y^t you order us to take up what money shall be needfull for this affair without Limitation tho the Comp^{as} order to us is onely for 30 or 40,000£: w^{ch} freedome shall be used as farr as it shall be needed and money can be had, for times have been such and may be so again y^t 10,000£ could not be raised, but wee have hopes it will be otherwise if troubles doe not seize this Province.

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* In the original.

the Company order but 30 or 40,000£ to be taken up.

fear y^t 7,000 bales silk of 2 mds. each cannot be provided.

The quantity of silke you mention being 7,000 bales (at least) by which yet wee understand bales of 2 maunds each, is very great & wee may fear not to be complyed with, if no sorts are to be bought up but those y^t y^e Comp^a seem to mention, that is that sort called Taunee formerly sent & the courser sorts were more especially spoken of. Our reason is there is a farr less quantity of y^t then other, and then the winding thereof after y^e way that hath been used and is approved of by the Comp^a & commended to us requires more time and all workmen are not fitt for the same w^{ch} might bring us to resolutions in engageing in y^t of y^e other sorts also, were wee not prevented by that small power you seem to allow us in things of the smallest moment. If Punjah may be bought up then a greater quantity may be had but whether 7,000 bales wee much question this year, the greatest quantity ever bought by the Dutch in one year wee are acquainted was but 4,500 bales: of late years they have not come near y^t quantity.

the Dutch never invested more then 4,500 ba^s in one year.

But this it seems by discourse some of us have had with their new Director (who is invested with a greater power and Latitude of acting in those concernes then his late Predecessor) as if they would enlarge of what they have done severall years past. Wee known if effects be not wanting our Interest is not short of theirs at all in this Province, and it hath been greater as well in relation to other goods as this comodity of silk, wee buying at more advantageous terms as our masters have been sensible of, when by the Dutch ships being taken they had a view of their goods & Acco^{ts}. But it must be allowed that wee must not expect to get their goods out of their hands or hinder their Investments unless wee doe advance considerably thereon, but wee need not trouble ourselves ab^t that, y^e country being large enough for us both. Tho: this business of silk, and soe of any others comeing of a sudden, may not be complyed with wholly the first year, yet being continued that or a greater quantity may be obtained.

In some time 7,000 bales or more may be provided tho not of a suddain.

The Dutch buy Punjah altogether, and if wee did soe or mostly, wee should get much the more and be ready in better time much trouble being thereby avoyded, it being but two sorts and may come in entire bales, whereas the other being in many sorts and unequall proportions take up thrice y^e time to look over, sort, weigh off and pack up; wee had dispeeded M^r Needham away to his charge ere your aforesaid advices arrived with 30,000 rup^s giving him Instructions to be looking out for silk in those Parts and had taken care for some here, in doing whereof wee mett wth some opposition in our Councell, tho your orders are found to hit exactly wth w^t wee then resolved upon.

Mr. Needham sent to Maulda wth rup^s 30,000.

And wee shall now likewise in pursuance of those orders write to Ballasore about y^e same, if any there to be had, w^{ch} we never knew but of a very sorry sort.

Moga silk a good sort of Silk.

Wee have a sort called Moga silk w^{ch} wee cannot so well describe, but it is known to some of you very well, and possibly you may obtain some musters, it having been a comodity formerly in your parts, it is made in the Osham Countrey and very good worke is made of it, if you please wee shall send some home thereof. It hath been sold generally from 4 to 8 & sometimes rups: 12 the seer, tho lately some having had quantities on their hands it hath been bought cheaper here to our knowledge then y^e prime costs, but if demanded it will come out as before noted or from 4 to 6 rups: no quantity can be gotten this year, but another somew^t considerable if you order y^e same, none ever yett went home, never any quantity coming hither till of late.

The arrivall of the ships wth you soe late wee are sorry for, but as before noted was not in us to help, and had hoped you would not so much as mentioned it to us being it was wholly occasioned by y^e order of sending the *Bengall Merchant* last and to touch at Madapollam and Metchlep^a. Wee suppose by

Mr Vincent excuse in answr to wt ye the Commandrs alleadge agst him abt the dispatch of ye ships.

Mr Vincent sayes ye Compa Commands of such force, yt there needs no pressing or refreshing of memory to hasten it.

what wee can guess from yours yt some of the Commanders acquainted you the ships were long laden ere they were dispeeded to you, wee wish those Gentlemen (let the expression be pardoned) had putt down ye sett time of staying for their dispatch and then wee might have been more perticular, but in the generall they none of them stayed more then a day if soe long after they were laden, and surely you allow some time for the bills of ladeing and examination of the same with their receipts, with the scrupulosity of ye Commanders this year more then ever caused to be very tedious, in so much that it was late in the night ere yt ye *Bengall Merchant's* was finished, and tho wee knew it would be a disappointment to send the shipps without their Invoices yet that wee might as much as in us lay accelerate their arrivall with you, wee chose rather to dispeed ym wthout them then to detard them for the same. 'Tis not your pressing arguments nor refreshing our memory (of wch wee still think wee have no need, cannot at all help this affair, for our Masters Commands are of such power and ye nature of the affair itselfe is of such force as to make such impressions in us as not to omitt anything that may tend to the accomplishing of what so much desired by them and endeavoured by us, but the sloopes could carry no more then their burthen and must have their due time to goe down, and the goods theirs to come to us from the Inland Factories in wch it does not appear but all diligence and expedition was used, tho wee find the blame must be ours be the fault where it will.

On order desired for a set day to dispatch ye ships in.

And to send ye sloops down with goods.

Mr Vincent willing to be blamed for his owne & not for others fault.

We did in ours to the Honble Compa severall proposall for preventing this growing evill, wch, if made use of will wee hope have its true efficacy. Wee shall (now on receipt of yours) add one more that is that you would please to enorder or limitt a certain day for dispeeding the ships to you laden or not laden, for if they stay not for their full proportion of lading hence they may be dispatched as soon as you please as abt the 10th or 15th December those that are to touch at Maddapollam & Metchlepa, and the 10th January those to goe directly to ye Fort, and to order also a sett time when wee shall begin to send there sloops down with goods. Wee alwayes hitherto forbearing to begin to lade them for the ships in ye road untill the begining of Novembr, untill wch time the yearly storme* here is not secured. If these things are done and any goods are left behind it will easily appear whose fault the same is, and so be known whereto charge the blame. Wee are willing to bear our own faults but not those of others, what happens by undispensible necessity and not to be foreseen or warded, nor as it were to lye in the trough of ye sea to be slighted, blamed and reflected on both one side and the other. It will be found necessary that more then one ship receive her dispatch directly for England this year in regard wee shall have so great an Investment. Wee understand that the Surratt ships went thence ye year the 24th January, had wee liberty of sending our goods soe directly for England as wee have proposed wch will require as great or greater Tonnage as theirs, wee should not doubt to effect the same as soon, and give our Masters as good content as any other of their Servants doe in that perticular. Tis no difficult matter for the other Factoryes to send their bookes to us in July yea in June if not hindred by somewhat extraordinary, and so wee to send ours compleated to you in a month after, but if they doe not comply herein what can wee say or doe, they all know wee have no power over them, wch surely is one cause they comply not with our orders in that point.

If ye Inland Factories send their bookes in June, then Hugly bookes may be sent to the Fort a month after.

promise of sending monthly expresses.

We shall according to your orders dispatch an express to you monthly and to that end write the Sevll Factories to be sending their Dyaries &ca sooner to us, yt so if possible you may receive such light into our affairs as to give if need be seasonable and suitable directions which, were wee left unto our selves, would not be needed, and therefore wee are very sorry to understand the Honble

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Comp^{as} resolution of having the Bay still to depend on the Agency at the Fort, w^{ch}, could wee have known sooner tho our Judgement as to y^{t} perticular is still the same, wee might have spared the pains of making our addresses for a Release theirfrom. But however it will not (wee hope) be ill taken either by them or you that wee made any proposalls directly to them in our Judgements indubitably tending to their advantage and healing our owne disorders. You observe animosities among us, and wee shall not question but you have taken good notice of the grounds and Causes thereof, and that which emboldens those persons to those unbecoming reflections as well as most false and malicious calumnies upon the ꝑ Son of him termed Cheife of y^{e} Bay, tho by some not owned as such, and wee wish you had done somewhat more then wee yet see towards an accomodation, for you cannot think that wee can suffer ourselves to be villifyed by Persons of such lives and Reputation and not take notice thereof, and in some measure detect their villanous and impudent untruths and slanders as you may perceive some of them are, and of which you may on enquiry have proofe before you.

M^{r} Vincent's resents his folly in writing to y^{e} Comp^{a} for an independency to the Fort since the Comp^{a} resolve to continue them dependent.

Mr. Vincent's uncivill retortion on the Agent &c for not accomodating differences (as he says) better and his rude names and terms he affixes on others.

promise of procuring Saltpetre & Turmerick.

Saltpetre and Turmerick shall be endeavoured after, to as great a quantity as possible.

Treasure out of y^{e} *Maddapoll^{m}.*

Copper sold at 27 rups. ꝑ m^{d}.

The sloope *Maddapollam* being arrived wee have rec^{d} the goods and Treasure on shoare, and sent the letter to Cassambazar without diverting the same to any other use as you enorder, intermenis* the goods wee shall sell as well as wee can, Copper's a meer drugg that of Jappan having been sold lately for 27 rups

errors ab^{t} the Invoyce not being sent.

About the *Bengal Merchant* wee have spoken already, it was an error here if one of her Bills of lading were not sent you by the *George*, and a greater at Maddapollam and Metchlepatam if according to our Intimation to those Chiefs, &c^{a} they did not hand our advises w^{ch} enclosed that ships Bill of Lading immediately on her arrivall with them to you, but as wee know nothing of your business at the Coast, so wee are not to contrive about that, only as before hinted had not your order controuled us you might have had the *Bengall* with you the same time you had the other ships.

Concerning John Hampton & his sallary.

Abt: Roger Edwards, George Herron & Samuell Sherman, and the placeing y^{m}.

Wee observe your placing Jn^{o} Hampton, Master of the Sloope & not to be removed, his wages to be equall with George Herron and Samuell Sherman, whose Sallaries differ, one having as Eldest Pilott 44^{rups} 8^{a} ꝑ month & 11^{rs} Dyett money, the other 40^{rs} ꝑ m^{o} and 11 rup^{s} Dyett money, and how to make his coequall with both theirs wee know not, therefore till your further orders shall allow him y^{e} same with the latter. He is at present unacquainted in the River and must have his time to learn, and until he is capable he cannot be entrusted with her when laden, (her first cargo, and in a tempestuous time of the year too being likely to be to a considerable am^{o} in treasure) without evident hazard, unless there be a Pilott on purpose, wee have few freemen here that can doe it, and if they goe on her it will cost 100 Rups: y^{e} voyage up and down, and wee cannot aske any of our Pilotts to doe it, nor will they any of them saile under him, but rather be contented to loose their service. Wee wish you had not thought good to have put him in upon such an Acco^{t} knowing wee have so many and those able Pilotts who doe expect to be preferred before the new, and more especially since you had once soe good an opinion of Roger Edwards (who indeed is not unworthy thereof, being a very carefull industrious man and able enough), and were concerned for our putt George Herron into the new sloope in his stead he being now by this put more back then before. Our intentions were if it had been left to us to have put Samuell Sherman in the new sloope and Roger Edwards in his, and the Eldest of the Mates in Roger Edward's, whereby all would have gone in order and they been encouraged in their business, but this hath fustrated all their hopes, and is a very great damping to them, that you intended it soe wee say not, therefore on consideration of what offered hope you will give new orders concerning it.

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* See in original.

Want of assistance in Hugly Factory.

You say wee have no want of assistance in this Factory, indeed wee were lately provided indifferently well, but two are taken off, *vizt* Mr Stanley and another whome, wee are necessited to continue in Ballasore for assistance of Thomas Bromley who as wee wrote you is not capable of performing what may be expected from him, and of whome wee gave you an accot but have not any thing in reply, so that in this Factory at present wee have but three Writers and one Factor besides the Councell, and if onely the writeing work be but considered it will appear as many more were necessary, for wee have three Coppies of Letters sent & recd to and from all the Factories, as many of our Dyaries, and wch this year are become long by the dissentions among us, as also charges generall, warehouse bookes and bookes of accot, all which to be done well require many hands besides the other necessary work that must also be attended on, so that wee may well affirme, wee have great cause to complain for want of Assistance. In Cassambazar they have 3 Writers and 2 Factors besides the Councell, the other Factories unless at Dacca should all be better supplyed, more especially Maulda, which is like unto Cassambazar in their dealings, and will require neer if not altogether as much Assistance when it shall be afforded them.

Accot of Cash & Dyarys sent, promise to send them monthly.

Wee sent you our Accot of Cash with our Dyary and Consultation booke made up to the fin of Xeember wch is according to the rule, wee at that time knowing of no other wee shall henceforward send them monthly with those of ye Inland Factoryes if they arrive timely, concerning which wee shall write to them all that they send their Dyarys away from each respective place by the 5th of ye month following by which means wee may Constantly by the 20th be dispeeding all hence towards you.

Sevtt Clauses abt ye Silk from Cassambazar sent.

Enclosed wee send you Coppie of severall Clauses received from Cossumbazar the 18th instant about their Investment of Raw Silk, and according to the pattern of Sarcanetts received lately overland from the Honble Compa.

Hopes of further directions backt with penalties.

Wee await your further directions promised us in yours of ye 20th Ulto, and hope they will come backt with such penalties as wee may be capacitated on occasion to inflict and may effectually deterr any from swerving therefrom.

Shell Lack to be had in Bengall.

Here is a good sort of Shell Lack to be had in these parts, which may serve to supply want of tunnage, of this wee intend endeavr for a quantity to the amount of 50 Tonns if not forbidden by yor next Advices.

Wee have not else to add, save the subscription of—

Right Worpll &ca Councell,
Your humble Servants,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI. TRENCHFEILD.

P. S.—Your packett by the *Maddapollam* sloope wee recd the 20th Instant, and stayed for that expected from you overland, untill this 25th tho: yet not come to our hands, as also for the Dyarys &ca of the Inland Factories, wt to that time were arrived wee sent you as inlisted, the Dyaryes come short from Maulda or Englezaved because in Mr. Needham's absence here and his Second's employment at the Mint at Rajamaul, there was but one man left in that Factory for all business, that therefore might come short in this, wee used also to receive theirs from Pattana sooner then this monthly but wee suppose their time lately has been extraordinarily taken up by their troubles in that Province wch makes us the more willing to hold them excused, the next month wee hope all (except from Dacca) will come in ye method desired.

The Ballance of our Cash seems great tho is far from being really so, since after wee have fully dicharged our Merchants accot (whose Creditts are considerable) and have been in paying all the last month as well as this but not entered till finished, and having sent rups 30,000 wth Mr Needham to Maulda as before noted, wee shall not have much left more then what has alwayes been usuall and thought convenient to be kept constantly in case of any extraordinary emergency in this Factory.

Ydem.

MATs VINCENT.

E. LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. FRENCHFIELD.

Hugly, 1st July recd. 10th August 1682.

To ye Rt Worpll William Gyfford, Esqr.,
Govr. of Fort St. George & Agent for ye Honble English East India Compas. Affairs on ye Coast of Cormendall & Kingdomes of Bengall & Orixa &ca Councell.

Wee take ye boldness to appear thus to you in general, to represent to you yt by reason of one or more futile persons in ye Councell of this place and the treacherous dealings of Mr Hervy at Dacca, that we cannot act in ye concern, of ye great trouble lately raised on our Masters affairs in those parts by demand of 3½ ℘ cent Custome as advised you in our generall hence of ye same date wth these openly as wee desire, and alwayes have been used in like cases, wherefore have been forced to send a Vacqueel apart to Dacca who may solicite as for hence & bring all to pass wch from plentifull Experience wee find Mr Hervy would never in all likelyhood have done either in due time on ye limitt of any moderate expence, as hath been seen in several former transactions of his in ye like kind. Wee hope to have your favourable construction if not full approbation of wt done herein since the major part of ye Councell of Bengall are of our opinion as to ye way & manner of transacting of this affair. A remedy for Mr Hervy wee suddenly hope for from you, as well as for is irregular in other parts of this Cheifeship, wth wt wee see not how so great a business can be carryed on to content on any side, wee subscribe—

Rt Worpll & Councell,
Your humble Servants,
MATTs VINCENT.
EDWd LITTLETON.

Hugly, 4th July, recd 10th Do. 1682.

To ye Rt. Worspll Wm Gyfford, Esqr., Agent & Govr. of Fort St. George &ca Councell.

The prime Currant wee wrote you last, & last night came to hand yours of ye 11th of May wch in respect of its Postscript enjoyning us thereto wee now come to answer wt convenient for us to respond unto therein, having little or nothing of any further advice to add at present, since wee then remitted you all genll papers of this Factory as well as wt had reached our hands from others Factories to yt time, to which desire you to be referred, in yt by them you will see how our Investments goe on, what hindrance wee have like to be thrown on us by a late demand of 3½ ℘ cent Custome in these parts, wt wayes wee have tryed both to Dacca & ye Emperor's Court to gett the said retrieved & remedyed &ca.

Wee are very sorry to find our scope so much misunderstood by you in your answer to ours to you by the Shipping, as also in your remarks on ours to ye Honble Compa dated ye 31st December last, & do crave your pardon if in some places we did in both mind the matter wee treated off more then the modification or smooth wording thereof, since wee doe profess yt wee never intended any thing of affront or reflection thereby on any one, tho it seems to be so understood thro ye whole series of both those Letters whereever a sinister Interpretation is possibly applicable; that this sort of Correspondence therefore may proceed no further wee shall retrench ourselves ye Liberty of speaking so fully to things as formerly, tho at first wee apprehended ourselves invited to those sort of advises, & sit down content wth answering wt propounded to us by you & as succintt a relation of matter of fact as can be.

Wee made sure accot last year yt ye first ship or ships would have come with orders for sailing up ye Ganges, wch made us dispatch the Sloopes *Arrivall* & *Ganges*, ye 13th June, to Ballasore road, wee have now sent them downe wth a Factor on them, & orders to demand of ye Severall Commanders their respective treasure, (goods we cannot import till some remedy at hand be sought in this demand of Custome in these parts) and having supplyed Ballasore wth its proportion of Treasure, to send the rest up in equall fourths on ye Honble Compas 4 sloopes hither.

Wee have written you fully concerning Mr Hervy and sent you ye charge we have exhibited agst him and when his answer comes shall our remarks thereon, for wt wee are any man writes perticularly wee suppose are not so generally to be taken notice as wt in generall as wee have done. If wee cannot be hearkned unto as concerning him wee must acquiesce, be ye consequentes never so bad, since wee can only represent not force a beliefe of wt we say, as for Mr Hervy's place wee can supply it if you so please from among ourselves wth a person who is a sober Person experienced in yt place, and one who will readily & punctually follow orders.

Mr Threder never yet we are confident expected ye Secondship of Ballasore, nor is it his right, there being severall men before him of which Mr Bromley now there in ye place of Warehouse keeper is ye first, besides Sundry others if he be rejected ye claim yt perfermt by right of Succession before Mr Threder, we shall therefore await your orders in this.

Wee have given orders to Ballasore to invest for 3,000 ps Rhomalls, & at Maulda for 2,000 ps besides wt goods usually made in both those manufactures, and wee are endeavouring to improve every place wt possible, having taken order from all places for musters, &ca as ye Honble Company themselves and you have this year enorder'd us.

The reason of ye sloopes not coming up with Saltpetre &ca papers you will have by our last, all ye papers you mention for England were dispatched on ye Ship *Anne* for England hence & wee hope may gett home in good time.

Wee reflected no scandall on Fort St George by wt wrote concerning ye manners of some persons sent to Bengall thence, for we doe assert yt wee thinck ye place bearing yt charector you mention spewed them out, & wee could wish it had rather directed their course for England then down hither, where if wee have not all along been mightily Scandalized there is little occasion for such persons. We know not wherein wee have disobeyed yor orders where it has been in our power or wee understand how to comply, having allwayes endeavoured heartily to perform them according to ye best of our abilities and understandings, wee hope you will not take up reports made & forged upon any of us upon trust, for at that rate wee must of necessity be guilty; as for our estates be they more or less we bless God who hath given us power to obtaine them, and could wish you would well enquire whether Pride or Selfe conceitedness rises in us or our antagonists, who having much less to doe in their perticular employments then we have in this head Factory here, studiously endeavoured to possess you agst us.

Wee would willingly be made sensible what sections those are, wherein wee have by any Argumts endeavoured to divert ye Honble Compa from what they have designed as to new sorts of goods, because wee find not that wee have exceeded a relating matter of fact in any perticular of yt kind.

Had we sufficient assistance to Coppie out all papers y^{t} come to us both from y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} & yo^{u}selves none of y^{e} Inland factories should want transcripts of all y^{t} come, but wee having much writing work & generally no Duplicates of those many papers, can afford them severally no more then w^{t} concerns each factory.

Concerning the dispatch of the shipps wee have written you in ours of y^{e} 18th Aprill last, to w^{ch} wee can onely add y^{t} yo^{r} orders of y^{e} 25th July last, laying down their dispatch in 3 partityons and including in one of them the *George* and *Cæsar* together made us judge y^{t} those ships were designed to be sent hence together.

What wee have said as touching the Diamond Trade wth due submission we deny to have any thing meant in it of envy, ambition, detraction, or unbecoming reflection on any, or have we in y^{e} least desired y^{e} coming in a share wth you in any emolument allowed you therein, but onely demonstrating therein to our Hon^{ble} Masters, that since there was nor could be any such Investment made here, their honest Servants in these parts had no such encouragements as such on y^{e} Coast of Cormandell had where Diamonds were procurable, & y^{t} therefore wee humbly hoped y^{t} they would please to consider us some way else, otherwise it would be a great discouragement to us. Y^{e} buying of Diamonds formerly free for us as for others and whereby an advantage accruing to us, being now exhibited wee knew not justly y^{t} w^{e} Hon^{ble} Company's Investment of Diamonds might be but concluded it would not be less then w^{t} former years ꝑticular men used to invest, for, w^{ch} for Severall years at a moderate Computation have been to y^{e} amo^{t} of little under 150,000£ Sterl. ꝑ annum, at w^{ch} rate y^{e} computation we made was not extravagant. The comodities we have to send home are bulky, for want of fraught on y^{e} Ships, all most as useless as if wee had no liberty at all, as upon enquirie will appear, but wee shall not insist on this least should againe prove offensive, only wee shall averr that wee did not write what wee did to y^{e} Company out of envy to you, except you will take our lamenting our own misfortune in this ꝑ ticular to imply a grudging at your happyness.

Concerning our independensey on the Fort wee shall not add farther thereto humbly submitting ourselves and what wee have said therein to y^{e} Hon^{ble} Companies determination.

Wee note what encrease of tunnage & stock extraordinary wee may expect on the Hon^{ble} Companies acco^{t} this succeeding season, and have what we can forecasted all Investments according to y^{e} Hon^{ble} Companies and your directions, having enordered the takeing up money and makeing as large Investments in Raw Silk as possibly may be, but we fear shall not be able to complying in Raw Silke this season except we have y^{e} liberty to buy up Silk Punjah (assortment not enordered) as in ours of y^{e} 18th Aprill written you and concerning which hope in few days more to have your orders, other goods as ꝑ last years list wee have spoke to our Merchants here to provide what belonging to this Factory, and have pressed the same compliance on others as is enjoyned by the Company and yourselves on us, all promise faire & wee hope as well, but y^{e} years end only can make out the truth of their assertions, those seven things you mention wee have allwaies before our eyes and in our memories, nor have wee nor shall wee come short in our compliance with any of them but where an incensible necessity constraineth us.

Those persons acco^{ts} wee wrotte off by Acco^{t} Curr^{tt} was done by direction of M^{r} Beyer the Hon^{ble} Company's Accomptant Generall in his letter authenticated by y^{e} Hon^{ble} Company & dated the 4th Jan^{ry} 1680: otherwise wee could as early have cleered them by Cash; but those debts being contracted some years since on acco^{t} outcrys, ere the order came y^{t} what bought thereat should be paid in India, whereas formerly they were p^{d} out of our Sallary due in England, they were therefore we suppose ordered to be soe cleered off by Acco^{t} Curr^{tt}, this we offer for our defence & being found as it may be to be soe as we say we hope you will allow thereof.

Your meaning of allowance for married people we note, and that for all others a Publick table is to be kept.

In our last, three days agone, we advised that our bookes were on a ballance only expected severall of our Inland Factory bookes to be taken into them, that we intended to await one month longer and then to shutt up ours wth what should then become, and send one pair of them to you which we hope may be time enough to be taken into yours, and they closed ere the ships returne hence to you, we have not been backward to write earnestly for their bookes though not with y^{e} success desired.

Our coppie book of Letters rec^{d} in Hugly was left behind (tho the Cheife omitted to advise you as much being much hurried by other more necessary and perplexing business at the ships dispatch) not purposely or politickly but through y^{e} transcribers coppying it upon mildewed paper which when perfected thro handling mouldred to peeces, in so much as he was forced to write it over againe & in y^{e} scantling of time he had for effecting it could not be gott ready to proceed with those registers.

Wee have not Petre and Turmerick by us more then formerly advised, tho may expect some now in a month or two more, but we cannot send sloop therewith till this moonsoon break up, nor can we as you well know Spare any now till the ships are all dispatched, a seign and sealing wax we had provided for the Fort according to your order last year, but the factor on board forgott to demand them from y^{e} vessels that carried them into the road, they shall come upon these returne ships.

Wee note the error of quicksilver & y^{e} packing of y^{e} in the *Sampson's* Invoyce, and had rectified the former ere your advises came, tho otherwise then by you laid downe.

What concerns all the Factories in your Letter wee shall send to all ffactories & ℘ ticularly John Naylour's business as ℘ y^{e} coppie of y^{e} Attestation & enorder his payment of w^{t} due to Clement Jordon thereon.

Least what we have written concerning coppie of y^{e} last year's register of Letters rec^{d} in Hugly should not obtaine beliefe wth you, wee have sent an attestation under the Copiator's own hand and witnesses by all y^{e} rest of y^{e} Hon^{ble} Company's servants that then writt in y^{e} office to which wee referr ourselves and that matter. Wee call not else to mind only to subscribe—

Rec^{d}. Aug^{t} 10, 1682.

Right Worship^{ll} & Councell,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

EDW^{D} LITTLETON.

RICH^{D} TRENCHFIELD.

P. S.—If in case any alteration should happen in the Chiefeship of Dacca the Right & Succession thereof according to Agent Masters orders thereabouts belongs to Frances Ellis).

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CAPT. NEHEMIAH EARNING—Hugly, 17th September 1681.

S^{r}

Wee haveing lately rec^{d} advises from the Cheife &$^{a}_{c}$ in Ballasore that a shipp is come into the road belonging to the Zimmendarr of Concha, who last year ceized on a boate of Saltpetre of the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} qt. 700 baggs which goods he denys though wee have good wittness thereof and still detaines, wee therefore order you with the rest of the Commanders to whome wee have sent the like orders to y^{t} now sent you, to send a boats crew on board the shipp and make ceizure of her bringing her to an anchor under some one of your shipps sterns as shall be thought convenient, adviseing immediately thereof to M^{r} John Byam &$^{a}_{c}$ ashore at Ballasore and there let ride until you shall hear from the saide Cheife there whose order as to your proceeding in this affaire you are to follow, wee enorder you alsoe that you send such sober persons in command over your men that nothing may be imbezled, but that you give order that all hattches scuttles &$^{a}_{c}$ that belong to any place of the shipp where goods are bestowed may be made fast and chauped by the Nocoda, any person attacking the said shipp or that dureing the time she shall ride among you comes on board her, detaine and doe not suffer them to goe on shoar till M^{r} Byam &$^{a}_{c}$ shall direct you soe to doe which is all at present from—

Your Loveing Friends,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RICHARD FRENCHFEILD.

The like order was delivered Cap^{t} Leonard Brown, Commander of the Ship *Anne* and send to Cap^{t} John Goldsbrough, Cap^{t} James Cooke and Cap^{t} Jonathan Andrew in Ballasore Road.

M$^{R.}$ THOMAS NEVINSON—Hugly, 17th September 1681.

Wee haveing laden what goods of the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} thought fitting enorder you on receit hereof to repare on board immediately the sloope *Lilly* whereof you are Master, and with the first oppertunity of wind and weather set saile bending your course for y^{e} most speedy attaineing the Barr of Balasore over w^{ch} you are to proceed, and when you are come soe farr as the English Bancksaull you are to send our packett herewith delivered you to M^{r} John Byam &$^{a}_{c}$ Factors, whose orders you are to follow for your further proceedings.

There proceeds on the sloope Cap^{t} Nohemiah Earning and Cap^{t} Leonard Brown whom you are to put on board their respective shipps, alsoe M^{r} Prickman and Robert Sherman to all whome you are to be civil giveing the best accommodation of the cabbin of that vessel affords as alsoe Doctor Stewart, yet soe as that noe delay may be made by any of them in your intended voyage or that any damage may accrue by any of them to the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} vessell or goods on board her. Wee wish you a good voiage and remaine.—

Your Loveing Friends,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI. FRENCHFEILD.

MR. JOB. CHARNOCK &$^{a}_{c}$—Hugly 17th September 1681.

Our last to you was dated the 12th and 14th Curr^{tt} with 40 Chests of the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} treasure amounting as ꝑ Invoice then sent to Rup^{s} 3,49,456 there then went alsoe another Invoyce of the Dying materialls which wee sent you hence some daies before amounting to Rup^{s} 956=4$\frac{3}{4}$=. Wee now come to answer your Sev^{ll} of y^{e} 31st ultimo, y^{e} 5th and 13th instant rec^{d} the 4th, 10th and

16th Currtt which haveing been busyed in fitting the Compas treasure first for Rajamaull and now most part thereof for Cossumbazar &ca business daily incursion wee could not soe well attend to doe till now.

Wee all understand what wee directed about secureing the July bund of raw silke in the mo of August for 100rs or 150rs to be given out on a bale, but if the treasure could not or would not be disposed of that mo wee know that now the bund being all brought up and gone you cannot now have it but at an advance rate and about 300rs to be given out on each bale ; it does not now here appear that the stock enordered you was appointed by the Compa to be posted up to you at once, but as alwais has been, in such proportions as wee thought fitt to be sent and adequate to your investments and were sending all to the Mint at Rajamaull as you hint you intended part of it, but your adviseing the 10th instant to the Agent and Councell hindred it as in a following paragraph shall advise.

You have the names, lengths and breadths of these goods desired by the Compa, soe that you need not mist soe much on the Musters which as soon as wee could have them were sent you up, but this good to put great tress on some things that if things happen otherwise then desired the fault may be stated from ones selfe.

Wee note what you can provide for the tonnage of these shipps and have advised to the Coast, would the Compa be perswaded to furnish those partes with a double stock there is noe great question but every one in his place without much difficulty might comply exactly wth ye Honble Compas requires, Muttradoss his brother sold noe silver at soe low rates as you were informed.

The letting those sugar boates lie so long without endeavouring to clear them might occasion suspicion in Bulchund ; that any of them should offer Rupe 10 to the Chowkedarr is a story often of their own making to inhanst the rupute of their ingtegrity wth their Master.

Ye answer Boolchund gives about takeing or demanding noe custome or dutys of us but on our Peicaurs and Weavers is as old as the usuall answer that it is out of our power imprested to them he must have it, with is the same thing as if he tooke it of us, he has as you know noe real reason to be agreived at any trade of the Compas there, they paying all perticuler dutys customary but care must be taken in what bought by the Compa and perticuler persons not on imprest but for ready money, wee well know what Boolchund answer at in all this, but wee hope yt Mr Hervy bestirrs himselfe at Decca, that wee shall get redress against him as well as the Dutch have done, your July Diary &ca was recd the 4th instant, wee are not affraide of Boolchund's informing King or Nabob against us well knowing he hath done what he can in that kind already, as alsoe the order he has on us will not bear him out in his late actions.

Your Letter to the Agent and Councell came too late, wee haveing sent wt materialls to be known to them in our genll and did not think it worth the while to have another sett of Pattamarrs on purpose to carry that to the Fort; wee note its contents as to our selfes and have in due place entred our thoughts thereon being loath to give our selfes the trouble of sending and proveing the whole year through, wee find the difficulty of selling of Silver with you by the ready money rate of those 25 Chests you have sold, wee have according to your own minde hinted in your genll letter to the Fort done what wee can conveniency to put you into Cash soe that wee hope you now can complaine of noe hindrance to your business hence.

Wee have againe written to Boolchund which wee enorder you to send your Vacqueell and deliver him as alsoe to desire his answer thereto, wee call not else to minde at present save that wee are—

Your Loveing Friends,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI. FRENCHFEILD.

Ms SAMUELL HERVY &ca.—Hugly, 24th September 1681.

Our last to you was dated the 1st instant since which wee have none from you, these are to accompany our Letters to Hodgee Soffee Caune about Boolchund stoping all our boates dureing his pleasure in sevll places under his Government as alsoe demanding new customes in Cossumbazar of our Peicaures and Weavers who take imprest &ca as & that letter will perticularly appear, and according to which wee enorder you to get out a pherwannae on him, as the Dutch have already done in their case, and send it us.

From Rajamaule wee have alsoe had complaints of Rajub Ally the Phousdarr stoping our boates to and from Patta on acco^tt of being merchants good in the English name, you may urge to the Duan that it is easy for any one to pretend that and soe stop our whole business wee have not written this in our Letter to him least wee should make it too long, but enorder you to get a Pherwanna that our boates by Rajamaule according to former use and custome and the Phyrmaund & sevll Pherwanna.

By the Dutch wee had notice a weeke agone and wee therefore admire wee should not have it confirmed by you that two shipps belonging to the English fell by storme into Chattagaum, and that are there detained, the Nabob demanding their goods which wee hear Copper tutanague &ca alsoe that one of them came from Bantam, the other from Achin, wee suppose the Bantam shipps belongs to the Agent &ca there, wee haveing notice by the *Pearle* a shipp belonging to Mr Master that came lately thence that such a shipp as is above mentioned came towards Bengall some 10 or 20 daies before her, the other shipp from Achin wee concieve belongs to Mr Byam Cheife at Ballasore he expecting her, thence wee have wrote about them to Hodgee Soffee Caune and Ray Nundaloll and desire Pherwannaes may be got out if they are not yet realeased that they may be suffered to depart to their respective Ports whether they are bound, the charge of the Pherwannaes for the shipps they shall make good.

Wee recommend those sevll affaires to your quickest dispatch, you well knowing how much they import the well proceeding of the Honble Compas negotiations, thing of this nature growing worse by delay, we remaine—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI. FRENCHFEILD.

Just as wee were about sealing up of these came advice by a merchants Gassidd from Rajamaule with a coppie of Hodge Soffee Cauns Pherwanna on the Droga of the Mint which enclosed send you to take 4 rupees ℘ Ct of us and the Dutch, and he informes us that the said Droga tends that will have 13as ℘ Ct Accott the Mint Master or Chowkee, you see how thick trouble comes on, and new Customes are ariseing on our Masters business, it doth therefore behoove you to bestirr yourselfes as wee doe hereby strictly in our Masters name require you to doe, that these things may be cleared or at least well settled, the Dutch-boates are cleared by a Pherwannae ours still stoped, our Peicaurs and Weavers at Cossumbuzar as wee hear are laid hold on and troubled on accott paying Custome, and though they are our Gomostaches and alwaies provide us goods on our imprest yet now declared by Boolchund to be merchants, and that of them not us he takes Custome things with many more wee have time to time advised you, but wee find no remidy for and can but againe inculcate to you requireing your diligent unwearied endeavours to put them to some good issue.

Our friend at Maulda wrote you the 7th instant and haveing almost no assistance were forced to write you their greivance in Nagry, wee earnestly recommend the clearing of those points and that noe stone be left unturned to perfect through remidys, and wee doe againe order Mr Hervy &ca to follow those things daily on Durbarr days themselfes as the Cheife did when he got out the

Princes Neshaune in 1678 and not to leave them to the sollicitation of a Vacqueele, wee knowing them to be of great import to our Masters affaires in these partes ydem.

M. VINCENT.
E. LITTLETON.
F. ELLIS.
R. FRENCHFEILD.

Mr George Peacock &ca —Hugly, 22d September 1681.

Srs,

Our last to you was dated the 31s ultimo to which referr you, wee have the 5th instant recd yours of the 16th Ditto, the same day that the boate with the Honble Compas Saltpetre arrived with, wee have since weighed and buryed it holding out 1,202mds 24rs Hugly weight, wee cannot but reminde you, againe to make a strickt enquiry into your weights and to rectify them, they seeming fault, in that of late years the weight of your factory goods have not held out soe well in this place as formerly.

Wee hope you will be able to procure the 1,000 mds Turmerieq you write concerning this year, and advise us what you can provide of that commodity against next year giveing out money in the spring that wee may hence take care to another place in Bengall where wee hear near the quantity of 6,000mds required may be had.

Mr Peacock's answer to the accomptants charge laid to him on acco^tt of goods wanting in bales packed by him whilest he was Warehouse-keeper at Ballasore and here, wee have recd, and can only say that the substance thereof shall be sent in answer there to home.

The 5th Currtt your two bills one for 653 rs the other for 2,000 rs were presented and accepted by us and the former paide at time, the latter being drawn for rupees Agra they could not take peet for, but they demand wee know not what batta which you not hinting to us in your letter and being informed that rups Agra are the peet of Pattana, as alsoe considering that you advise of noe exchange recd thereon, denyed to allow, and therefore desire you speedy advice whether you made any such agreement, if you did what it is that wee may answer it here accordingly, haveing offered the payment of the money and to what agreement at your takeing and drawing the money as at Patta, but wee enorder you in the future that in case you must allow batta here except in cases of exigence (when you may want money for our Masters Acctt &ca) that you take the same or as much on accott exchange, it being but reason what you should not lose by doeing courtesis of this nature.

The paire of last years bookes wee have recd wee have neither——nor scales to spare two weigh either Saltpetre or treasure but shall advise the Compa concerning some this year which is all at present from—

One paire of your bookes of Acctt are not yet recd which your Second will be called to accott for.

Your Loveing Friends,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI. FRENCHFEILD.

Mr Fytch Nedham—Hugli, 22d September 1681.

Srs,

Our last to you was dated the first Currtt, since wch wee have recd none from you, this is returned you by Hurgolaull the Porunia writer who hath satisfied us in our maine doubt that the Saltpetre of those partes is made Sohendiaur Caunes Government in Bengall and in the Governmt of the

Nabob of Patta, he tell us further our Dauduneetor imprest 6,000mds of 60rs each may be had there, and if those Jogee would take another imprest which is not customary (but they he questions not may be brought to it), twice or thrice as much Saltpetre more as abovementioned might yearly be procured, thence upon hopes and likelihood thereof wee enorder you (after you are with us pretty well satisfyed with the feasableness of the thing) with without delay to send this man or if you have any other you like better you may have send him with about 30,24,000rs to secure 600mds of that countrey Saltpetre and between 40,25,000 mds of Turmerieq, the Saltpetre Gomasteh has been told by us that except that wee can have 2½mds of Chutteese ꝑ rup. it will not turn to accott and wee hope on giving out imprest it may be effected the Turmerieq is rated on Daudnee at 4½mds ꝑ rupie and the mds are Chutteessee which is pretty well, pray take care to secure those two commoditys and whomever you send to inculcate to him the encreaseing the quantity of Saltpetre what he can and that he insist with those Jogees who are the Saltpetre men and have wifes and children at Porunia that after this imprest which wee now will be giveing them out next month and may be brought in by the month of June next they take another Daudnee if the petre can be made which they may give in before the raine time that not begining till May next betwixt January and which time they may get ready a good quantity whatever imprest is given to them in each twon or thrung wee should judge it best to make the petremen and those the Turmerick is imprested to interchangeable security the one for the other which you may alsoe recommend to the person you send.

Pray strictly encharge whomsoever you send that they be punctuall in their advises to you giveing you at such time and periods as you shall finde convenient notice what they have done and how goods come in &ca that you may write us, and as occasion requires have orders hence how to proceed.

Haveing proceeded thus farr came in yours of the 8th and 14th instant with coppie of ours to Decca dated the 7th ditto, the accott you have given James Price (our Vacqueell at Decca) for want of assistance with you to draw it out in English in Nagry wee have recommended to the Chiefe &ca there, enordring them to endeavour a remidy the soonest that may be, which hope they will accordingly comply with and put that affaire with some others to a good issue.

Wee have but four come out of England as assistants in Bengall and those all are fixed to their employments at Ballasore, the second dead, and the 3d useless, soe that wee have sent you George Stone to assist in coppieing with you, and Mr Prickman as soon as those 15 Chests last sent him hence are coined, and their accott made up and remitted us will be comeing to you, which is all wee can possibly afford you this year.

By ye Compas orders you will finde wt sort and coulers of Erendees they require which pray endeavour yor utmost to comply wth this year as well as next.

Wee are very glad to understand you have got Washers and Condegues enough for ye years business yt belong not to Maulda which pray cherrish and keep by you.

Wee shall send you part of wt varieties and toies wee can get as alsoe red and green ordinary Broadcloth.

Wee note wt you write about Boolchund's servant comeing as an Ameen his giveing such faire words imports yt there is noe such thing as yor Ezaurdaur* pretends, it being quite contrary to all or priviledges to be forced to make factorys where those Governours please it being by ye Kings Phyrmaund Princes Neshauns and all subsequent Nabobs Pherwanoes granted us to send Factors and build factorys where wee like best all over this country which must be yor answer and yt you will not returne without ordr from ye King &ca.

You must make ye best roome you can where you intend to build the factory (increase you cannot and it will be very inconvenient at Maulda) by makeing of raysed Arungchalas† of wch you must be exceeding carefull in respect of casualtys by fire; and as soon as possible be sending yor goods away wee hope ere you will have occasion againe that ye factory will be built up, concerning which wee can add nothing but to inculcate frugallity in yor building.

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* Ijárádár, corruptly, Ejarahdar, Ijárdár, Hindī and Mar. A farmer of any item of public revenue, whether from land, customs, or any other source; the renter of a village or estate at a stipulated rate.—*Wilson's Glossary of Indian Terms.*

† Thatched roof of Depôts of goods in Factories.

Wee hope in case Mr Hervy &ca doe bestirr themselfes in the business and the others of ye Tancksaule passing of boates at Rajamaule &ca as wee have strictly enordered them yt all those troubles will blow over in a short time, and as to yor care wee could not but reasonably expect something of them they generally accompanying all sorts of business at first settleing, wch is all at present from—

Your Loveing Friends,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI. FRENCHFEILD.

Accompanying these have sent you two letters one to Sphendiaur Caune the other to Bool: Caune wch on sending ye Gomosteh to Porunnia pray hasten what possible you can may be delivered him: Ydem M. V. E. L. F. E. R. F.

Mr Jonathan Prickman—Hugly, 22d September 1681.

We have recd yors without date the 16th instant adviseing of the safe arrivall of fifteen Chests of our Masters treasure wth you ye 3d ditto (as wee suppose) but wee are exceeding troubled, that when you saw yor Podaur there continued soe long sick you did not in less halfe ye time take care for another, the Compas occasions being urgent for money, and silver selling soe slowly yt wee fear the mint well now clogged on all hands wch will demonstrate wt damage accrue by your lying still twenty daies expecting your Podaurs* recovery.

Wee hope you have not kept ye rups out of ye mint until yor Maulda Silver Acctt was cleared for that will be too great losse of time for they may and hope doe goe on togather and yet kept apart for ye Maulda Silver Acctt must be made thither and that of those last fifteen Chests hither.

If you continue ye Droga and Chowkee yor friends wee question not but the Silver will come out well enough which therefore you must endeavour to doe.

Wee hope the Droga of ye Mint has been as good as his word with you in returning ye custome he has stopped, and that you have come to some advantageous agreemt with him about the charges of coineing &ca.

Wee have formerly and wee againe written to Decca for Hodgee Soffee Caune's Pherwannae on your Phousdarr and hope it will at last come to redress our troubles there, however wee doe direct you with Mr Nedham &ca at Maulda to see if by a small present you can see to keep Rajub Ally's friendshipp, for without that he will alwaies be finding out new ways to trouble us, and of this advise immediately to Maulda that some course may be taken, the sooner the better.

By this express wee cannot send the Swordblades &ca you write for, but in ye boate wee send to Pattana wee may.

What treasure you have sent you up in those fifteen Chests is what, for ought wee know, yt will have to come this year, pray hasten it what you possibly can part of it being exceedingly wanted.

As soon as you have got rup. 20,000 togather send it away by boate to Beettedoss Muttrasaws Surm at Muxadvad who according to our order will change it into good peet and send it to Serepore Mercha &ca where wee have provided Hummums for the Honble Compas Accott, which is all at present from—

Your Loveing Friends,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI. FRENCHFEILD.

Podaur, properly Potadár, commonly Potdár, corruptly, Podár, and Pothdár, Mar, &c.

A money changer, a weigher and assayer of coins; he is also the village silversmith; in Karn. it is written *Pottadar*, *Pottar*, and *Pottari*, and is said to mean an inferior sort of money changer, one in a hamlet. —*Wilson's Glossary of Indian Terms.*

In case there should be any stopp at the mint you must come to some agreement with the Droga till you can hear from Decca therein that the business may goe on adviseing us immediately thereof, and pray take what hast you possibly can with your business there your assistance being much wanted at Maulda:

Ydem: M. V. E. L. F. E. R. F.

M^{rs} JOB. CHARNOCK &^{c} —Hugly, 27th September 1681.

S^{rs},

Our last to you was dated the 22d instant whose coppie attested send us, being by mistake sent hence without registring, wee have since rec^{d} yours of the 22d ditto with the news of the safe arrivall of the two boates with fourty Chests of our Masters plate togather with an Invoyce thereof and of the Dying Materialls.

Your giveing out Dollers to the Silke Merchants will certainly make them fall exceedingly which wee suppose is the reason the sev^{ll} of them cannot be induced to take them knowing the certaine loss must be susteined thereby.

Wee are sorry for the death of Soocaun Nundsaw though wee are very sense he did you noe good office in the contract for the former 25 Chests of Eyalls there being nothing due thereunto this day of his death, nor some time afterwards, and that wee know him here could well understand that he would have deposited but little before his contracted time money being scarce and exchange running high.

Wee admire you should write to us for money you haveing now £65,000 or there abouts of the Comp^{as} treasure there, had wee it here, wee should not question but to raise money thereon, but our Cash here will not pass with you and wee are not willing to engage farr off, least in the mean time you should have taken other measures as M^{r} Charnock did in the soe often repeated plate business Anno $167\frac{5}{6}$, but if on a second tryall you shall advise you cannot raise money, which wee desire may be speedy, the year spending apace, shall then endeavour best remidy the shortness of the time has left us to prosecute hence.

Before yours of the 7th instant arrived with yours of the same date to the Agency wee had resolved to send all the remaineing treasure to the Mint, but finding it their by dangerous for us soe to doe, though as things stood and it was the quickest way to turn our Mast^{rs} plate into ready money, wee were forced for our own safety and indempnification to alter our resolutions and send you up your stock.

Wee sent the box of musters with all that came in it save the Bimassess whose muster wee took out, there is in it one muster Chucklees 13 d^{o} of Soorees and one ditto of Dooreacy which pray return us, the attlesses which may be you may not minde being ordinary ones went alsoe therewith, for the Girdles and Silke neckclothes they came not in the box or list, the Phoolkerries are to be had at Dainhaut, but the ordinary ones the best are made at and about you.

John Ellitt if he is included to goe hence as wee find he is else would never make such madd proposall as are the conditions of his stay, pray discharge him this month being quarter day his business may be well enough managed by the Seredaur or Cheife Bengall workman belonging to the sloope under the inspection of some carefull Englishman there you haveing some who tooke the acco^{tt} of that business formerly it being a thing that since tis now on worke will require noe extrordinary act to carry it on.

Your Diary and Consultations wee have rec^{d} and give our remarkes thereon in our Diary not to fill our letters up with unnecessary subjects, Factors stores shall come wth the goods alsoe one Chest of wine, the news of the stop or rather new exaction at the Mint at Rajamaull wee rec^{d} some days since and hope the care wee have taken therein to Decca if they will there stirr in it may produce audden and ineffectuall remidy wee rest—

Your Loveing Friends,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI. FRENCHFEILD.

Mr George Peacock &ca—Hugli, 3rd October 1681.

SRS,

Our last to you was dated the 22d and of the 25th ultimo recd yours of the 7th ditto and note the mistake in the tubb of Vermillion which charge accordingly to accott, wee——by advises from Decca that one tub sent thither comes out short in weight the Lead noe more then 9mos, though wee must blame the Warehouse-keeper for haveing noe more care in his own concerns wee permitt you to charge at the Hugly rate its cost——charges up to you, the other goods that were not opened ere now but taken by content from the proceeding Warehouse-keeper you must take care to get well attested for the present incumbents and indepnification in case of being hereafter called in question.

The Mahzur or Certificate about Seif Caunes breaking up and robbing our factory at Singee you will doe very well to get ready as you intimated and with as much frugallity as you can, but wee think not convenient to make an open complaint against him at Dilly haveing the fresh example of the Dutch complaineing against Shasteh Caune to their great detriment and overthrowing the other business they then had at Court, it would wee conceive be better after you have secured the Mahzurs that you sent up a Vacqueell to Dilly enordring him to threaten Seif Caune expect he paide the damaged susteined of which you may send a list with him (which wee would alsoe have you to send us a coppie of), that according to said Mahzur he has ordered to complaine to the King of him which wee doubt not but will make him comply, and the same Vacqueell may there remain to preferr our complaints as occasion serves till further order, wee doe not understand the old Vacqueell to be our Servant, he obeying noe order as perticulerly writing to us once every——which many months agone wee made the condition of paying him his wages, but haveing thus notoriously failed therein wee shall take noe further notice of him pray take good notice or heed of your choise of another.

Wee should be very glad to hear the 10,000mds Saltpetre were on the way, you will doe very well to keep a good correspondence monthly with the Nabob but his Muttsuddies alsoe whome wee enorder you not to fall out or be at variance with but in such cases where there friendshipp does you the office of an enemy, but wee doe not approve of your takeing exceptions at words which might as well have not been understand and it may be better then unseasonably taken notice of.

Your Diary and Accott Cash wee have recd for the mo August which is all at present.

Your Loveing Friends,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI. FRENCHFEILD.

Mr Jonathan Prickman—Hugly, 3rd October 1681.

SR,

Our last to you was dated the 22d ultimo to which and our orders therein referr you, wee have since recd yours of the 25th ditto and doe enorder you after you have sent (as wee suppose ere this arrives you will have done) the 20,000rs enordred to Serepore Mercha or Muxadavad that you remitt to the amount of 10,000rs and not above to Cossumbazar for accott of the Honble Compas desireing Mr Charnock &ca there to advise us from time to time what they thus receive from you as you must likewise doe what you send thither; the remainder arriseing by those 15 Chests let come with the accott of them hither that soe that accott may be cleared here without cumbring your Maulda bookes therewith.

Wee have taken what care wee can to Decca about the custome of the Mint, wth you haveing had notice by merchants advises of Hodgee Soffee Cauns pherwanna lately sent the Droga thereof about it, as alsoe about Rajub Ally your Governours stoping us boates on accott custome &ca, and if they there will bestirr themselfes wee doe not much question but shall have remidy for all in a short time.

The plate sent you is all weighed here by Rajamaull Siccaes, of the first minting which begun the latter end ram ranne there will be a small difference, but you must take care of such ———— they being but too frequent with those ———— wee remaine—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. FRENCHFEILD.

Mr Job. Charnock &ca—Hugly, 3d October 1681.

Srs,

Our last to you was of the 27th ultimo since which wee have none from you, this comes with 5 boates of goods for our Masters Accott amounting as ꝑ Invoyce accompanying to Rups 34,073-7a this being your proportion of stock in goods enordred you for this season and till the suceeding shipping by the Honble Compas which is all at present.

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. FRENCHFEILD.

Accompanying have sent you the sevtt managers receits for the Honble Compas goods.

M Samuell Hervy &ca—Hugly, 7th October 1681.

Srs,

Our last to you was of the 22d ultimo to which referr you, since which wee have the 3d instant recd yours of the 23d last month.

Your care about Durbarr business recommended to you, will most truely appear by what you have done therein according to order hence, as alsoe by the time you have taken for them, your talk about them signifying little more then your ending the Rajapootes sonn's business which is still depending, and if wee cannot obviate it here (as wee conceive wee now shall) may yet continue wee know not how long matter of vexation to us the Cheife was and is force to write to the Vacqueell there because he finds himselfe soe little regarded by you, and yet what he does write to the Vacqueell is little but what enordred to you in general, wee could enter into a long discourse of these matters as you doe and magnify our own conduct our prudent foresight in giveing orders &ca but it not being adadde wee shall wave it.

The Coppie of the Pherwannae on Boolchund wee have rec^{d} and understand that M^{r} Charnock &$^{a}_{c}$ have rec^{d} its originall and sent it as directed.

As to the business of Maulda it will not seem soe intricate if well looked unto and considered as you seem at present to conceive, wee cannot immagine why our paying one year and duty contrary to our priveledges can taile it upon us a custome never to be broken, and wee well understand however you word it that the chaup is custome upon the goods not the Weaver who pay their duty yearly at soe much in each of their Loomes, the Dutch however they seen to pay dutys of their own perticuler emolument——is well known and they have some shaddow of reason for their soe doeing more then——our Phyrmaunds differing in that respect, only Maulda being a Jaggeer or p'ticuler man's rents was one reason of our removeing thence, and settling as now wee have done in the Cossa or King's rents, and to prevent the clamour made on our endeavours to spoile the trade of Maulda which say what they will none can be soe much afoole as to think wee can doe with the yearly stock of noe more then 10,00,000^{rs} ꝑ annum of——not above 20,000^{rs} is invested in Maulda Governm^{t} wee say to prevent this scandal raised on our new factory at Muckdumpore, there has care been taken to get Washermen, Condegars &$^{a}_{c}$ from other partes who are to settle under our Government as Servants, and will be sufficient next year to doe all our business in these partes, and had they not been laid hold of by Jimshear Beague might have ꝑformed the business of this moonsoon alsoe, wee doe not find upon the whole matter that if the case of Maulda were duely stated and dilligently followed y^{t} wee have to contend with the Nabob at all therein, expect the Congoe you speak of would on our paying the Chaup at Maulda advance the rent of the Jaggeer to him which wee suppose he never intends, and if this business were duely represented our paying any dutys contrary to our priveledges never haveing but the condition of the Nabobs receiveing soe much rent of Hurr Narraine on that place more then as you say he can make thereof, wee hope since he cannot at worst say that wee doe or have endamaged him but that his loss has been the same on the rent he paies the Nabob before wee came as now, nay as might be made appear rather lessned for the more employment the Weavers as the more Loomes are sett at worke and the dutys thereon the more, and by continuall employment the Weaver is the better enabled to pay, wee say att the premisses considered wee cannot see that it would be soe impossible to wade through this business as you seem by your letter to apprehend, and wee againe strictly recommend to; wee are as little for makeing publicg complaints as you expect in cases of exigence but wee think you might take occasion to break this with Ray Nundalaull showing him that the Nabob receives noe proffitt by it but wee not only charge contrary to our Phyrmaund and Pherwannaes but alsoe a great deal of trouble and obstruction to our whole business in the jurisdiction of the Maulda, as often as the Governour there shall not have his covetous desires fullfilled, wee doe not absolutely mislike your endeavouring to compose the business with Hurr Narraine there, it being a good way if can be done as you say on reasonable terms which it may be the Ray may bring him to on your discourseing what wee have above directed to him, and therefore wee enorder you to proceed (if you cannot finish with Hurr Narraine) to Ray Nundalaull, the last remidy if you cannot prevaile any thing against them that wee enjoyn you unto is that you get an authentieq pwanna that the Chaup is to be paid only for such of our goods as are made in the present Governm^{t} of Maulda and whereas this must be your last refuge if you cannot prevaile for more (as wee hope you may), and is what wee have to say in that concern.

Wee wrote your receit and weighing of of the nine Chests of treasure lately sent you, the 7 Chests of Ryalls held out here rup^{s} 66,122-4^{a} weight and the ingotts rup^{s} 18,992-12-0; there will be some small difference because Decca Siccaes doe something exceed in weight those of Rajamaule by which this treasure as weighed here.

Your Diary for August wee rec^{d} and would have you take care in the future to send them us sooner this comeing out of time to time:

Wee doe not understand but that it will be very detriment all to the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} if you doe not use your utmost endeavours to get those two shipps freed that are fallen into Chattagaune by storm since they both belong to the Compas servants at Pattana and here, and wee enorder you not to goe about as if it were a perticuler business but as a genll concern among them as the Compas, and therefore get them a ℘wanna to be cleared thence, the soonest you can, least by delaies they should not come hither in time to ℘forme their intended voiages on the turn of the moonsoon, it may some time or another be the success of some of our Masters shipps to fall into the same Port by bad weather what therefore you do now for these will be a precedent for them, and therefore wee stricktly enorder you to be very carefull in his affaire and to get out a ℘wanna as abovesaide with all the frugallity and expedition you can, adviseing us when effected the charge, that wee may receive it of the concerned as their comeing hither.

Those handkercheifes of Decca of which you sent us one calling them Rhumall wee are of oppinion that they are not meant by those in the Compas List therefore forbidd you buying any more then four or five peeces to be sent home for a muster.

Of our stores of Factor's provissions and Coine you shall suddenly receive your factory's shaire by boat with goods on Accott the Honble Compas.

The Pherwannae for our coining money at Rajamaule, if it come not after wee shall have been forced to pay its custome on what treasure now there, will doe eceeding well, wee want alsoe a pherwanna on the Kings and Nabobs people too at Rajamaule not to stop our boates goeing to and comeing from Pattana concernig which wee wrote you in our last.

Cojo Evaittoola has been in his town upwards of a month dislikeing almost everytihng therein, and will doubtless complaine of all to Hodgee Suffee Caun, wee give you this item that you may prepare the Vacqueell to answer what he may have to say to our prejudice, which though wee did not know he will doe yet thought it not unnecessary to give you the caution and remaine—

Your Loveing Friends,
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI. FRENCHFEILD.

Mr. John Byam &ca—Hugli, 8th October 1681.

Srs,

Our last of the 17th wee finde you have recd ℘ the *Lilly* being sorry she is run ashoare in the late unexpected storme though are informed she may well come of by the help of Budgerows the next spring haveing broken nothing but her mast of which wee were alwaies afraide, and you must get her another out of the Shipps, Capt Brown, if you can get him a topmast which wee hear Capt Andrews has to spare will let you have a small Mizen mast which will make her a good mast for her way of saileing; pray get her fitted as soon as possible and let her come up laden with planck which get sawed, the Compas being all burnt here, of which let ⅕ part be of thickness for carriages for gunns &ca for grosser worke, these new sloopes, much worke left to be done on them from the Coast.

Wee wrote you last for an Accott of goods and treasure you had taken ashoare out of the shipps, in which must alsoe be added what sent you now on the *Lilly*, pray faill not to send it us ℘ your next that wee may have an Invoyce of the whole and you be debetted accordingly.

Wee are glad Rewedass and Compa have accepted of the Compas imprest at more reasonable rates them Chimcham and Compa could be brought to, you must not fancy that the Ballasore people are soe afraid of ye latter as you hear, he being only their Chowdry representer, and they together are able to doe him much more harme, otherwise, as he well understands, Nagry his huffing, then he could doe them with the Governour, wee doe enorder you to encourage this parcell of———and at time of sorting goods not to let them fare worse then neighbours, but rather, in consideration of the present abatement made, and the light this may give into the true rate of those commoditys enorderd by our Masters from Orixa, to use them favourrably.

Wee note what you write about the Zimmendar Concha and that his shipp is at present ceized upon by the Nabob of Orixa his order and brought into Ballasore river tis———impossible but the Zimmendar may come to some accomodation w^{t} the Nabob to clear his shipp, in which case our orders to the Commandars and you of the 17th ultimo, and in force and———expect your and their complyance therewith.

Wee are very glad the English shipps escaped the late violent storm soe well and———they have lost none of their anchors though wee fear they will mightly miss their long———which happened to be on board in a bad time: paper ink and quills shall be sent you on the *Lilly* when she returns hence, wee rest—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI. FRENCHFEILD.

MR. JOB. CHARNOCK &$^{a}_{c}$—Hugly, 10th October 1681.

S^{RS},

Our last to you was dated the 3^{d} Curr^{tt} by boate with a parcell of good hence on the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Acco^{tt} whose Invoice accompanyed them to which referr you, wee have now yours of the 29th ultimo and 4th Curr^{tt} to answer rec^{d} the 3^{d} instant, the latter came with a Coppie attested of ours of the 27th past, and to what wee finde both wee shall, laying aside your Cavells, studiously composed evasions and made stories, which wee well understand both to you and Decca too, and shall obviate it in time and place convenient, leaveing the decission of all w^{t} whome it belongs, haveing fine factorys whome wee would call subordinate, all whose affairs not to dwell on those of any one it lies upon us to minde, consider, and direct.

Wee note you haveing rec^{d} the Kings Duans pherwanna on Boolchund for clearing our business under his Government which wee hope he has obeyed.

It is noe new thing with Boolchund to throw peoples letters away at the first reading them if not pleasing to him, he haveing, as wee have heard, served some of his Masters soe:

As soon as it can be coined wee have ordred a Lack of rup^{s} to be sent you from the Mint, the which have something obstructed by detaining the late treasure about four days with you, and this with the goods lately sent you up will be your Stock enordred by the Comp^{as}, the charges of your Stock goes out of that which remaines, to which therefore it is reasonable it should be accomptable and make the amount good too, the Comp^{as} orders have all along, as wee understand, been that where money failed it should be taken up at interest for the supplying of their factorys of Cossumbazar and Pattana to which referr you.

You sent us an Acco^{tt} of our tonnage the 31st August last, soe that some what elce not that as you now write was the reason of the delay of yours to the Agent and Councell, wee shall finde it by the next though the acco^{tt} of the tonage in your residence was among the rest advised to the Fort in our last.

Wee doe disapprove of sending Tho. Hill to the Mint with the Comp^{as} treasure, it being possitively against their orders, he being under the degree of a Factor and it seems strange to us the second of Maulda being already at Rajamaule should Consigne the Comp^{as} treasure to any other, as if the Comp^{as} had two interests in Bengall, wee enorder therefore that Tho. Hill be called back since the second of Maulda is there on purpose for the business of coinage, if there be extrordinary occasion you may spare a Factor thither to keep our treasure apart.

Wee know very well that there are as good shroffs in Muxadavad as Soocanundsaw was and who could command as much ready Cash as he, fetching it from the same he did, that is the Nabobs treasury, which being drawn away and Exch^a^ running high he could not as wee foresaw comply, and therefore wee had provided remidy which your letter abovementioned to the Agent and Councell forestalled.

The musters of Sooses Dooreaes and Chuckalaes wee have received and doe againe.

M^r^ JONATHAN PRICKMAN, &c^a^—Hugly, 11th October 1681.

S^rs^,

Our last to you was dated the 31st ultimo which referr you.

Wee have understood that from Cossumbazar they have sent 20 or 22 Chests Silver to be sold or coined at the Mint at Rajamaule, our order hereupon is that the inspecktion of the coinage thereof still yours, and whoever with any treasure for the Hon'^ble^ Comp^as^ Acco^tt^ notwithstanding whatsoever orders and instructions he brings, may have from the subordinate Cheifs and Councell in Bengall, that for this season they are under you in the affaire of coining, wee enordring you to communicate all yo^r^ proceedings relating to their quantity of treasure from time to time, and that you alwaies take them to the Tuncksaule whilest that is fitting to be coined, that they may be as fully acquainted with all things therein as your selfe, only since wee cannot but think it for the Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ honour and advantage too, wee doe resolve to have no more but one Superintendent for their Acco^tt^ in any one residence under our directions at one time.

The Acco^tt^ of the charges of the Mint on our fifteen Chests and Maulda twelve Chests formerly sent you, alsoe of what now or hereafter for this season may be consigned thither from Cossumbazar and coined with you at Rajamaule, wee enorder you to keep apart, to say the acco^tt^ of our fifteen Chests to be sent us hither, that of the Maulda treasure thither, and of what shall be coined from Cossumbazar to be transmitted thither, all of them on your finishing the coinage of each respective factory ^st^ of treasure, but the whole acco^ll^ of the gen^ll^ charges of the Factory dureing the time of your residence at the Mint, wee enorder you to send us the monthly perticulers of fairely drawn out, that wee may here lay it on the whole treasure and charge each factory with its due proportion which is all at present from—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI. FRENCHFEILD.

M^r^ JOHN BYAM, &c^a^—Hugly, 27th October 1681.

S^rs^,

The 8th Curr^tt^ wee wrote you last and four daies since came to hand yours of the 15th Curr^tt^ with coppie of your Diary &c^a^ for the m^o^ August and September but it ought to come signed by you not as this a bare transcript which wee therefore expect, your bookes of Acco^tts^ are likewise rec^d^.

Wee hope you have cleared and got of the *Lilly* with her goods and that she will suddenly be here with the planck &^a^ as formerly you enordred.

Enclosed comes and orders to Cap^t^ Cooke to take on board the *Golden Fleece*—of the Comp^as^ timbers at Ballasore for the Fort which deliver him and hasten

—of to his ship, sending his receit for them in a line to the Agent and Councell, wee have not elce to add at present but that you hasten the *Lilly* hither—possible, and rest—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. FRENCHFEILD.

Three of your and noe more are to signe to genll papers Coppie of our by the *Lilly* dated the 17th ultimo wee send enclosed not finding that the originall was came to hand, and wee suppose may be stopped on board the sloope.

CAP JAMES COOKE—Hugly, 27th October 1681.

Your are hereby enordered to take on board your shipps *Golden Fleece* to take in 150 timbers such as Mr. John Byam Chiefe &ca at Ballasore shall send of to you, and to give a receit for the same to be delivered to the order of the Agent and Councell at Fort St. George either there or at any place on the Coast of Choromandell as they shall think fitt.

Wee remaine—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. FRENCHFEILD.

MR FEYTCH NEDHAM, &ca—Hugly, 29th October 1681.

SRS,

We have recd yours of the 15th instant five daies agone together with the inclosed papers and the letters, and from Rajamaule all where content, wee observe the Price of Saltpetre and turmericq in Porunnia you have not obsolutely staited, leaveing that to you to make the best of your termes you can but was a Calculate according to Ballasore Accott you lately sent us.

Wee hope notwithstanding the neglect at Decca or what elce may be in it, that all your goods in house and to come in may be gott ready to goe hence sometime in December and the very last ere the 10th January next, and to prevent the like in the future wee thinke it best that you agree for all the white cloth on cured musters of each sort, allowing for difference more or less, as at receiveing the sevtt quantitys they shall be found to be in goodness, by which means your white cloth which is the greatest part of the Investment with you will be ready to be packed away as soon as prized, and wee would have noe manner of goods bought in the Government of Maulda but what you cannot well procure elcewhere, what you have done to clear your business wee approve of and hope the pherwanna if ever they will procure one at Decca will be according to your sevll advises to them and us.

The sticked peece of Erendees cloth wee like will and therefore order that all that is dyed may be this sticked as this peece you sent, and eavour what you may to send the quantity required by the Compa soe that it may goe by these shipps.

From Decca wee have some time since been told of a pherwanna to clear the custome of the Mint, but wee fear it may be according to their use not come till the Coining business is over, when the money rec^{d} thereon will be irretrievable which wee cannot help but are forced to work with what tooles are allowed us, pray hasten your goods down as fast as packed up.

Wee remaine.

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. FRENCHFEILD.

M$_{R}$ HENRY STANLEY—Hugly, 2nd November 1681.

Wee now send you down into Ballasore to an Acco^{tt} of receits for all such goods &^{a} as you shall have hence from us and of from Ballasore to be laden on board the Europe shipps now in the road.

Wee have herewith delivered you four small bookes (since the *Golden Fleece* will be laden almost at once and therefore not require passing a receit or two ere her gen^{ll} bill of ladeing come to be signed) for each of the remaineing shipps into which you must enter receits fairly drawn up for whatever goods you by order hence or from Ballasore doe lade on board any of them for the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Acco^{tt}, and you must alwaies remember to write over the head of such receit Hugly goods or Ballasore according to the plan whene they are consigned you, and never write those two sortes in any one receit, and you are to make the Boatswaine to signe to each receit thus drawn up in your bookes above saide and to remitt Coppies of them by the same conveyance that brought those goods unto you that soe wee here and our friends at Ballasore may charge to each shipp accordingly.

On the shipp *Bengall Merchant* wee have laden 2,300 baggs saltpetre and on the shipp *Pearle* 1,300 baggs ditto, those being hired shipps we send now immediately away to be laden all on board the shipp *Golden Fleece*, the rest intended on her shall be comeing in about one weeke more than the Commander may have time to shift his shipp and — to be gone since he will be dispatched with the parcell of goods, that parcell of saltpetre on board the *Bengall Merchant* hath all of it a slitt Bamboo sowed to the bagg, this let be first laden and if you can two hundred more on the *Pearle* which have the same distinction from the rest on that Vessell which have noe marke, as soon as you have laden those goods dispatch the Vessells away we remaine—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. FRENCHFEILD.

There are 150 piggs Lead in board the *Anne* and 100 piggs ditto on the *George*, these lade on board the Comp^{as} three sloopes on their arrivall return hither on each a proportion according to their burthen.

The bills ladeing for the saltpetre on board the *Bengall Merchant* and *Pearle* herewith delivered you: Y dem: M. V.

CAPT. NATHANIEL TOOLEY—Hugly, 2^d^ November 1681.

Wee enorder you on receit hereof to repaire on board your Shipp the *Bengall Merchant* and with the first oppertunity of wind and tide to weigh your Anchor and set saile bending your course for the most speedy attaineing of Ballasore Road where when it shall please God to arrive you in safety you are to come to an Anchor as near the Shipp *Golden Fleece* as you possible can where you are to follow the orders of Mr Henry Stanley to whome wee referr you for your unloading and dispatch soe wish you a good voyage and remaine—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. FRENCHFEILD.

The same was delivered. Mr Cropley in the Ship *Pearle mutatis mutandis.*

CAPT. JNO GOLDSBROUG—Hugly, 2d November 1681.

These are to advise you that the bearer hereof Mr Henry Stanley is sent down by us for the Moonsoon to lade and unlade to and from on board your shipp such goods as according to order from time to time he shall put on board you or demand from you the wch wee desire and order you to receive on board and deliver as occasion shall require, and for what you thus take on board that you order your Boatswaine to pass receits in a booke provided on purpose in the hands of said Mr Stanley, wee desire you to give him the assistance of your Pinnace Ryaule as he may have occasion on the Compas business to pass from your Shipp to another.

Wee remaine

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. FRENCHFEILD.

The same was dispeeded to Capt Cooke, Capt Andrews, Capt Earning, Cap Brown.

Mr JONA. PRICKMAN—Hugly, 3d November 1681.

Wee have recd two of yours of the 16th and 26th ultimo and fearing by the latter that the Pattana peon passed by Rajamaule with ours of the 3d ultimo wherein were full orders given you concerning the treasure (you are now on coining from this place) wee are therefore now sent you Copie thereof to which referr you.

The Rups 20,000 you sent to Muxadavad are recd and disposed according to order hence and you shall have Creddtt for the same summe, if Nimmoo be your Podaur for the Mint he is an able fellow, but you must be watchfull over him being none of the honest, Chittermulls Gomosteh will not dare to hinder your coining but will rather want your assistance in putting forward the Compas Mint affaire now in his hands (which pray afford him means) Letchooram who is one of the ablest workmen that managers Rajamaule Mint concerning him wee have wrote you formerly and doe desire you to be referred thereto.

Mr Hervy &ca from Decca advised us some time since that Hodgee Soffee Caunes Pherwanna was ready to take of the Custome of the Mint, with you it seems they take their own time to send it, and wee fear though wish otherwise that it may be detained (as the last year other Pherwannaes of greater import were) soe long that this of the Mint may be usefull only against next years coinage, for wee finde that when the money is paide into the Kings treasury (which the timely comeing of the Pherwanna alone can prevent) it is very hard on any order to retrieve it, the Pherwanna of Hodgee Seffee Caune on Rajib Ally is alsoe promised it may be they will come together.

Wee think it very bad that a Vacqueell shall lay a certaine rate on any boates that pass with our Dustuck because it will grow a custome, wt is really and unavoydably spent tis reason should be allowed by the concerned in the boates from time to time thus cleared, and wee—at any rate more or less.

Wee doe not question but you will use your utmost endeavour to clear all boates as they come and goe between Rajamaule and this place, the saltpetre boates from Pattana wee hope may be wth you as soon as there, and wee question not but one way or other although the Pherwanna should not arrive you will clear them alsoe.

Wee understand you have taken charge of the Cossumbazar treasure pray hasten ye coinage there of what in you lies and remitt it thither according to their desire.

The walls fallen down in your house pray repaire and therein be as frugall in all such cases as you possibly can.

The Dutch of Presents is alwaies great and soe is ours to them, pray accord the business one way or another soe with Rajib Ally that our business of this moonsoon may not be alsoe stopped, we have urged all those grievances to Decca but hitherto no remidys appearing.

Wee note your Podaurs mistake between the Alungerries Rups 800 and peet 149 there will be due to accott Siccaes the difference of Batta to say 1r ⅌ Ct on the former and 2r 8a on the Peet which you must creddtt the accott for those pieces on sale comeing soe much short of the Siccaes wee have not elce to add, and that wee are—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. FRENCHFEILD.

Mr Samuell Hervy &ca—Hugly, 7th November 1681.

Srs,

Yours of the 10th and 29th ultimo came to hand the 2d and 6th instant the former wth your Diary for September which came late, and is enordred sooner, money for your investment against year you shall have your share of as soon as the Mint will yeild it at Rajamaule and might have been long ere now had you gott out the Pherwanna the Custome there.

Mr Hervy wee suppose ere long may be called to answer what wee have understood from Jno Pownsett when here, with sevll other things, and then he may see all as they be, wee have not assistance in the interim to send Coppies to you.

What wee enorder you to doe in the Compas name as wee have fully done the—— of the two shipps at Chattaganme doe hereby confirme it alsoe for what necessary in——to the Compas affaires if you are not in Cash for, you are to take money up at interest——and when you have cleared the shipp let us have an accott fully of the expence on them—— that wee may demand the amt of the concerned here, they haveing applyed themselfes to us in the Compas name and wholly referred themselfes to us.

Rajib Ally at Rajamaule demands 5 ꝑ Ct on all goods of ours that passes that way, ꝑwanna on him wee have fruitlessly wrote to you for ye long time, since the Compas saltpetre is now comeing down from Pattana to the amount of about 20,000 mds and if wee shall be forced to pay Custome it will be charged to your Account, as taken your own time notwithstanding reiterated orders hence to bring any business of this nature to an issue; you boast much on other occasions of favour the English have at Decca, how much the Dutch are slighed, but our experience tell us that they goe about nothing but they get it effected sooner then you hitherto have done.

The Moulda Pherwanna wee enorder you to get out with the most frugallity, we care not to stint you soe as to strane the business, only it will ly on you to cause it to be soe well penned that it may stand good in the future against Hurnarraine and all his Complices.

Wee have lately on a boat dispeeded to you Factor's provisions, one Chest of Wine, 5 Chests of Flint Ware &ca as we enordered the Warehouse-keeper to advise you by her, the Invoyce of the perticulers suddenly follows, as effects of your investments wee shall send your share as advised in a foregoing paragraph, the muster of the flowerd mullmulls came not to us, that peece of rhumalls as you call it wee intend to send Compas and could have a whole ps more of the same with the price as alsoe of this, wee remaine—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. FRENCHFEILD.

Mr George Peacock &ca—Hugly, 9th November 1681.

Srs.

Our last to you was of the 3d ultimo, since which came to hand yors of the 12th September 13th and 19th ultimo, the first was upwards of a months time in comeing whose bearer you had best turn out of the service, therefore the two latter arrived the 29th ultimo and 1st Currt.

Wee enorder that hence forward if not already done that the same weight of petre may come to us from all places whence you send us the Compas saltpetre and that you through examine who has been faulty in this short weight of the Begum Seray petre and endeavour to get satisfaction of them for it, wee note what weight yor Pattana Mos and expect it to hold out accordingly.

About the Vacqueele at Dilly wee have already in a former written to which referr you:

Wee suppose Mr Peacock will have noe occasion to come from Pattana his wife proceeding thither this day, a Chest of Wine and sevll other things wee have this day sent towards you on a boate for the Compas, an accott of perticulers and calculate of prices you will receive from our Warehouse-keeper, and an Invoyce shall follow at first Leizure.

Your bookes are faulty this year in severall respects which Mr Littleton has written about and will, and wee enorder you to follow his direction therein perticulerly, you have not entred the sallarys as enordred.

The Turmericq wee are glad you have provided 1,200 M^{ds} more of, and ere January, the time of delivering out of money thereon or rather buying it in, wee shall give you further order thereon.

Wee note the fight between the Amins of Mowa and the Princes people, and that the latter were beaten of, and are glad the bill of exchange for Rup^{s} 25,000 was rec^{d} in due time on acco^{tt} the Comp^{as}, but you advise not what more will be necessary for the next years imprest that is what for saltpetre and what for turmericq which pray doe and your next.

Your Diary &c^{a} for M^{o} September have rec^{d}, but desire it may in the future come more timely.

Wee note what you write about the Agra rup^{s} of Pattana, and the— of the Dutch concerning their bill of exchange for Rup^{s} 2,000 lately paid them in the Curr^{tt} peet of this place, the Letter you sent from them thence was delivered as directed.

The brass panns sent you were at 20^{rs} ꝑ p^{s} and the bales and Scummers at 27^{rs} in all at which rates you must charge them.

Your bookes of acco^{tts} one paire for this year wee have though exceeding late rec^{d} as alsoe two Diarys but you must bring them both to the end of this March, whereas you have continued these now sent only to the first of Aprill last, pray faile not to send us the rest, the charges gen^{ll} need not be continued any further then to the end of Aprill last, beames and scales wee shall write for this year to England as alsoe the panns and Coppers you advise but you must advise what the advantage thereof will be (since they will am^{ot} to a sume of money) that wee may advise the Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} accordingly.

Wee expect two paire more of your bookes, and know if set to they may be done in a short time, therefore pray faill us not herein, pray make the best end with your Nabob you can, and send us down all our Masters goods, the soonest possible which is all at present from—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. FRENCHFEILD.

M^{r} HENRY STANLEY—Hugli, 10th November 1681.

On y^{e} three sloopes wee have laden for the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Acco^{tt} Taffaties 51 Chest, Silke 160 bales, and saltpetre 2,700 baggs which wee enorder you to put on board the shipps as here under specified viz^{t}:

On the shipp *Golden Fleece* 1200 baggs saltpetre out of the *Good Hope* and 200 baggs ditto, out of the *Ganges* in all 1,400 baggs which makes with what was lately sent down in your charge 5,000 baggs saltpetre this year, when you have laden take three bills for, one of which inclose in our gen^{ll} advices sent herewith to the Agent and Councell the other two returns ꝑ the sloopes and then give Cap^{t} Cooke his dispatch and the gen^{ll} advices to Muddapollam and Metchlepatam which accompany there.

On the shipp *George* laden 22 Chests Taffaties out of the *Good Hope* with her 79 bales raw Sike, and out of the *Arrivall* lade on the same shipp 51 bales raw Silke and 1,000 baggs saltpetre, likewise out of the *Ganges* lade on ditto shipp 7 Chests of Taffaties with 20 bales raw Silke and 300 baggs petre.

On the shipp *Casar* laid out of the *Arrivall* 22 Chests, the foregoeing goods are what sent this turn on the sloopes and you will finde the markes and numbers of the peece and bale goods at the bottom of these advises to w^{ch} refer you.

Immediately after you are unladen there will arrive as wee hope in safety to you three parcells of boates to say 7 boates and Pergeesin one parcell over whome Bunga pion is Chiefe, and they bring 600 baggs turmericq and 2,357 baggs saltpetre, alsoe 6 boates over whome Junead pion is Chiefe which are laiden wth 586 baggs Turmericq and 2,000 ditto of saltpetre, the last parcell is in three boates on which are sent 600 baggs Turmericq and 1,000 baggs saltpetre on these Mosim pion is Cheife, these all come for the Honble Compas accott and wee have sent inclosed both the Masters of the sloopes receits as alsoe of——boates in three parcells with the name of the pion that Commands in Cheife of each, though every perticuler boatmans bill is alsoe indorsed, whereby you will see what he is responsable for and in case anything comes short (in which respect you are to see justice done the boatmen) you must return their bill to us indorsed with an accott of wanting that wee may recover it there.

The Turmericq and petre on the abovementioned boates enordr you to lade vizt:

On the *Bengall Merchant* these 600 baggs Turmericq and 2,357 ditto petre on those 7 boates in charge of Bunga pion.

On the *Casar* lade those 886 baggs Turmericq and 2,000 baggs petre sent on those 6 boates in charge of Junead pion.

On the *George* these 600 baggs Turmericq and 1,000 baggs petre sent on the 3 boates in charge of Mosim pion.

As fast as you unlade those boates dispatch them into Ballasore river.

We have given order in every sloopes dispatch that they assist you with one man to take accott of the unlivering every respective sloopes ladeing.

The Lead on board the *George* lade on board the *Arrivall* and that on the *Anne* on board the *Good Hope*.

Wee call not elce to minde save that the markes and numbers of the foregoeing peece and bale goods is entred at the bottom of these as above said wee are—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. FRENCHFEILD.

Mr George Berron—Hugly, 10th November 1681.

Your sloope the *Good Hope* being laden with such goods that we thought though convenient wee enorder you to repaire on board of her and make the best of you way into Ballasore Road whither when it shall please God to arrive you, you are to come to an Anchor as near the Shipp *Golden Fleece* as you conveniently can and follow what orders you shall receive from Mr Henry Stanley now there for your unladeing and dispatch, alsoe you are punctually to afford him the assistance of one of your men that understands to keep an accott of goods laden and unladen whilest you remaine there.

In charge of Bunga pion wee have sent 7 boates qt 600 baggs Turmericq and 2,357 ditto of saltpetre there, you are to take care to see as low as the narrows of Hugly River, and then make the best of your way down as aforesaid, wee wish a good voyage remaineing——

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. FRENCHFEILD.

The same was delivered Mr Sherman in the *Arrivall* to Anchor as near the *George* as he possibly could goeing down in Compa with 6 boates (in charge of Junead pion) qt 586 baggs Turmericq and 2,000 baggs Saltpetre.

Mr Edwards recd the same accompanying 3 boates (in charge of Mosim pion) q 600 baggs Turmericq and 1,000 do Saltpetre.

Mr James Cooke—Hugly, 10th November 1681.

Sr,

Your shipp the *Golden Fleece* being laden wth such goods as wee have thought convenient for accott of our Masters the Honble East India Compa wee enorder you on receit hereof to repaire on board ye said shipp and with first oppertunity of wind and weather to weigh your Anchor and set saile bending your course wth the best of your skill and judgment for the most speedy attaineing of the Fort St. George Madrasspatam whither when it shall have pleased God to arrive you in safety you are to send or carry on shoar our packett to the Worsptt the Agent and Councell there whose orders you are to follow.

In your way to the Fort wee enorder you to touch at Maddapollam and Metchlepatam and to send our letters to the Cheife and Councell of each place, and you are alsoe to comply with such orders as each of them shall give you ꝑ suant to such as they shall have recd from the Right Worsptt Agent and Councell abovesaide, wee wish you a good voyage and remaine—

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI: FRENCHFEILD.

In case the Cheife and Councell of Maddapollam and Metchlepatam shall desire to send our packett (that goes by you) to ye Fort wee enorder you to diliver it the in taking their receit for the same. Ydem—

M. VINCENT.

E. LITTLETON.

F. ELLIS.

R. FRENCHFEILD.

Mr. Fytch Nedham &ca—Hugly, 12th November 1681.

Loveing Friends,

Our last to you was dated the 29th ultimo since which the 10th Currtt wee recd yours of the 18th ditto, Mo what your Weavers and Peicaurs have done doubtless at the instigation of your Governour and the Pattam togather, and wee doubt not——blow over well enough, as alsoe all the rest of your troubles, and your business and——will be the better settled hereafter for those shocks there at the first, wee are very glad the Dutch present affrights them from haveing recourse to Decca because all remidys wee have been able to get thence in most cases haveing been soe delayed that they have proved worse then the disease almost, from Decca wee are advised that James Price, the Vacqueell there, informes them that for about 2,000rs in the whole of which ye Nabob must have the greatest part he doubts not to procure a Pherwanna absolutely remitting the Chaup and all other dutys as it is at Cossumbazar this wee—— given them orders concerning though not without inculcating frugallity.

Wee note that the Gomosteh from Purunnia advieses you that at the first Daudnee there he cannot bring those people to agree for any more then 25^{md} of that small weight for 1 rupie, pray order him to buy up what he can and if possible bring them to dry there before he brings it to the scale, and let him dry one bagg by it selfe weighing it ere he puts it out into the sunn and againe afterwards to see how much it losses, that on occasion when it cannot be first dryed a true allowance may be found for the difference between We^{tt} and dry, pray let nothing discourage you from bringing the petre business in those partes if possible to perfection.

Wee shall want yearly the q^{t} of 5,000 md^{s}. Hugly of Turmericq, which if you are certaine to secure, which advise, ℘ the next, wee shall forbidd buying any hence forward at $Patt^{a}$ where at the lowest price it is much dearer.

Wee sent you a chest of the $Hono^{ble}$ $Comp^{as}$ Wine and another of Flint Ware for presents by way of Rajamaule, and M^{r} Prickman orders to convey them to you.

Wee have inculcated a Pherwanna from Hodgee Soffee Caune on Rajib Ally at Rajamaule, they advise us thence that there is little difficulty in getting it out but wee doe not finde it done, wee suppose that and the Mint Pherwanna will come togather, wee wish it be not soe late as to be useless for this years business you must please Rajib Ally in the meantime and get business and boates cleared thence the best you can, wee expecting from Pattana 10,00 m^{ds} Saltpetre suddenly, wee remaine ——

Your Loveing Friends,

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RI. FRENCHFEILD.

Government of India Central Printing Office.—No. 539 F. D.—25.7.92.—500.

London, 25th March 1682.

OUR AGENT AND COUNCELL AT FORT ST. GEORGE—

Wee have this day mett with an information that wee can rely upon, that all y^e Interlopers that will trouble us in India this year are but 4, vizt. Macock and Foster, Masters of a *Pinck,* and a small ship about 120 tons each, U. Dorrell Commander of y^e *Crown*: Tho: Pitts, Sup^r cargo of all those 3: and all intended for y^e Bay, so y^t you will be troubled with none on y^e Coast of Choromandell or Port Novo, wherefore our express order is, that you immediately on receipt of this send Captain Willshaw to y^e Bay, being a man of honour and integrity of whose faithfulness wee have more then ordinary confidence, and know to be too honest and too wise to be suborned or braved by that huffing knave Pitts. Write to our Agent at Hughly to dispatch Captain Willshaw so early y^t he may be sure to save his monsoons home, and y^t if some ship must stay to make a Winter voyage besides y^e *Society,* it be sure not to be the *Resolution,* whereof the said Captain Willshaw is Commander.

If *Alley* should return again for Port Novo, it will not be but only for a Winter Ship, 4 or 5 months hence, long before which wee hope you have settled a factory there in honest hands.

Your loving friends,

JOSIA CHILD, *Gov^r^*.

THOMAS PAPILLON, *Dep^t^*.

JOSEPH ASHE.

JOHN LAWRENCE.

JAMES EDWARDS.

JEREMY SAMBROOK.

JOSEPH HERNE.

WILLIAM SEDGWICK.

JOHN DUBOIS.

JOHN MOORE.

JAMES WARD.

EDWARD RUDGE.

JOHN CUDWORTH.

THOMAS CUNHAM.

RICHARD HUTCHINSON.

10th August 1683.

A Court of Committees holden 10th August 1683.

Whereas this Court on 29th 8br 1680 upon ye retransmiting ye trade of Dyamonds and reserving ye same to your Generall Joint stock, exclusive to all others, did in favour to theire President, Agent and factors abroad make ye following order, vizt.

Moneys they that pay into ye Company's Stock, they shall be allowed the same after ye rate of 2s 6d a rupee.

For ye encouragement of ye Company's President, Agents, Chiefs and factors to dispose of theire Estates in India upon ye retourne for England, It is ordered yt moneys any of them shall pay into ye Company's cash, they shall be allowed ye same after ye rate of 2s 6d a rupee, 9s for a new pagoda and 5s a Doller or Rs.8-8, which upon bills of exchange to be drawn on the Company at 30 days sight shall be punctually paid you or your assignes notwithstanding any accounts between you and ye Company that shall be then standing open, and notwithstanding any pretention, claime, or demand whatsoever yt may be suggested to ye contrary, and as readily as if such person had never been concerned in ye Company's service.

Trade of diamonds laid open without restraint, copies of this order be sent to Surratt, Fort St. George and ye Bay.

And for as much as ye trade of dyamonds is now laid open without restraint it is now thought fitt, accordingly resolved, yt ye said recited order be repealed and made void, and yt copies of this order be sent to Surratt, Fort St. George, and ye Bay.

(Sd.) ROBERT BLACKBORNE, *Secy.*

January ye 2d 1683.

OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCILL AT FORT ST. GEORGE AND YE BAY OF BENGALL—

No more your 16 tons per 100 tons of Kintalidge in saltpetre.

wth more to have 11L per ton for.

not to oblige them to take in more their 8 tons per 100 more then 16 unless a want of other goods.

Upon ye motion of some owners of shipping now in ye Company's service yt they might not be obliged to take in more then 16 tons per 100 tons of Kintalidge in saltpetre, without they shall desire it for ye stiffning of their ships, for which quantity of saltpetre over and above ye 16 tons agreed on in ye Charter-party they are to have but 11L per ton freight; but it is not our meaning yt you should force upon them more then is necessary for ye well stiffning of their ships, and therefore do require you, yt over and above ye 16 tons per 100 tons you do not oblige them to take in more than 8 tons of saltpetre for every 100 tons, without they shall make it their request to have more, and yt if it be for our conveniency to lade more on board of them by reason of want of other goods to make up their full tonnage.

We remain,

Your loving friends,

Sd. by the order of ye Governour and
Councill of Committees,

(Sd.) ROBERT BLACKBORNE, *Secy.*

London yᵉ 21ˢᵗ December 1683.

OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCILL ATT FORT ST. GEORGE—

All last years letters answered.

yᵉ Defence designed to have come with yᵉ Resolution.

1. By our ships yᵗ departed out of yᵉ Downes yᵉ 15ᵗʰ November last, our secret Committee wrote you at large, and fully answered all your letters by our last year's shipping, we had thought to have sent Captain Heath in yᵉ *Defence* with this ship yᵉ *Resolution*, but in regard yᵉ *Resolution* is ready to sail, we think it not convenient to detain her any longer.

Resolution treasure design for yᵉ Bay.

A great supply of lead and treasure by yᵉ Defence.

2. You will see by her invoices and bills of loading what treasure and other goods we have on board, all yᵉ treasure we intend for yᵉ Bay, and yᵉ lead if you can sell it there, but if you have a present good market for it at yᵉ Fort, we would not loose yᵉ first opportunity of disposing of it, because Captain Heath will speedily bring you a greater supply of yᵉ same commodity, and we hope about 40 or 50,000ˡᵇˢ in Treasure for yᵉ Bay, besides what you are to expect from us directly for yᵉ Bay in February next by yᵉ *Eagle* and *Jnᵒ* and *Marie*.

What treasure can be spared at yᵉ Fort to be sent to the Bay.

3. We find by Mʳ Beyer's computation yᵗ you have rather to much then to little stock at yᵉ Fort, therefore we would have our President take down with him to yᵉ Bay what treasure can be spared from yᵉ Fort to give yᵉ best countenance yᵗ may be unto our affaires there before yᵉ arrivall of Captain Heath and yᵉ other ships aforesaid, which are to follow him.

4. By sending our letters to yᵉ Bay open to you, and our *commission to our President and Councill there, we shall save ourselves yᵉ labour of much repetition.

Mʳ Hedges dismissed yᵉ Honorable Companys service.

Agent Gifford constituted President.

5. You will see thereby yᵗ we have dismissed Mʳ Hedges our service, and have appointed and constituted our present worthy Agent William Gyfford Esqʳᵉ to be President and Governour of all our affairs on yᵉ Coast Coromandel and in yᵉ Bay of Bengall, and in case of his death or absence Mʳ Jnᵒ Bigrig is to be our President and Governour aforesaid in yᵉ room and stead of yᵉ Said William Gyfford Esqʳᵉ our now Agent at Fort St. George.

President Gyfford to go to yᵉ Bay.

6. And our order is yᵗ upon yᵉ arrivall of this ship yᵉ *Resolution* at fort St. George our now constituted President William Gyfford aforesaid if he be living, or in case of his death Mʳ Jnᵒ Bigrig, and in case of his death Mʳ Elihu Yale in yᵉ quality of our President is with all possible expedition to embark himselfe upon this ship yᵉ *Resolution* and proceed for yᵉ Bay of Bengall to preside there over all our affairs and over all our factories for this year's investment, to cause all our orders now and formerly sent to our Agent and Councill in yᵉ Bay to be honestly and fully executed, yᵗ at last we may see a peaceable, careful, and faithful settlement of all our factories in those parts.

Agent Hedges discommended.

A Company of Soldiers to attend yᵉ President, and Officers, drums and colours to make up a Company of Seamen.

7. But for as much as for affaires have been much interrupted by yᵉ insolencies of yᵉ Moor's Govenour, as well as by yᵉ designs of our late Agent Hedges to arrive at an uncontroleable Empire over all our faithful, ancient, experienced servants there, under pretence, but really in contempt of our authority, as appeared by his detaining yᵉ Governour's letters, and some other darker instances. We think, therefore, for yᵉ better countenancing of yᵗ authority we have now given to our now constituted President and Councill in yᵉ Bay, yᵗ our President now take down with him upon this ship and such of our sloops as shall be then at yᵉ Fort one complete Company of foot soldiers with their Officers, drums and Colours, and drums and colours for yᵉ making up of another foot Company of such seamen as can be spared out of

this and our other ships in ye Bay, to make yt show of a great guard to our President upon his arrival in ye Bay.

Seamen to return on board when ye appearance is over.

8. But as soon as ye appearance is over we hope ye occasion will be over, especially of our Seamen, and yt they may return soberly and quietly to their respective ships.

Only suggested.

9. We do not absolutely enjoyne ye making such an appearance of Seamen as aforesaid, but only suggest it as a thing which will not displease us, if our President thinks it necessary or convenient.

Sr Jno Wetwangs ship to be dispatched early.

10. We hope you will dispatch Sr Jno Wetwang's ship early to us, as we advised in our former letters, which we would have you look upon as a matter of concernment to us.

An encrease in Cotton Yarne and a decrease of ordinary long cloth and Salampores.

11. If you fall short of our list in any thing let it be in ordinary L cloth and Sallampores and encrease what you can in cotton yarne, notwithstanding we have writt for so much to ye Bay, yt being a bulky commodity may be of good use to fill up our great ships which you are to send home this year

Stymp hoze and ye full quantity of Romals.

12. Send likewise a proportion of stymp hoze fron ye Fort, and let us not fail of ye full quantity of Romals mentioned in our list, of which list of goods to be provided as well as in ye Bay as at ye Fort for more certainty we send you herewith a second copy.

Surratt packet to be forwarded with speed.

13. Our packet for Surrat send forward speedily by a Patamar, if no speedier conveyance present.

Mr Bigrig to be Chief in ye absence of ye President.

Mr Yale to be Chief.

14. If Mr Gyfford be living to take upon him ye Presidency as aforesaid we appoint Mr Bigrig to be Chief of our affairs in ye absence and until ye return of Mr Gyfford, if Mr Gyfford be dead (which God, forbid) and Mr Bigrig take upon him ye Presidency, we appoint Mr Elihu Yale to be chief of all our affairs at ye Fort, during ye absence and until the return of Mr Bigrig and so successively ye rest of our Councill at ye Fort according to ye degree and Stations they are placed in below and succeeding Mr Yale.

Ye President to return to ye Fort when affairs are settled in ye Bay.

15. Tho we have appointed our new constituted President to go to and preside in ye Bay for this year's investiment, we do not thereby intend to limit his stay in ye Bay to any prescript certain time, but leave that to his own discretion, when he hath settled all our affaires there to his content with ye advice of our new constituted Councill for ye Bay and done all he thinks necessary for our Service there, we leave him to his own liberty to returne by some of our ships to ye exercise of his charge and Command at ye Fort, as soon as he shall think it convenient, leaving Mr Beard, or in case of Mr Beard's death or absence, Mr Job: Charnock to be Agent of all our affairs in ye Bay, according to our commission &c. &c.

Soldiers to be left in ye Bay.

16. We likewise leave it to our President's discretion to leave so many of our Soldiers in ye Bay at his return to ye Fort as he shall think necessary and convenient for our Service.

Factors and writers for ye Coast and Bay.

17. We have made choice of severall factors and writers for ye better carrying on of our affaires both on ye Coast and at ye Bay, at ye sallary of 15LL

each factor, and each 5^{LL} writer, whom you may dispose of as you find most for our Service, *vizt.:*

Factors Fort St. George.

Sam^{ll} Shinnock,
W^{m} Cawley,
Jo^{s} Charlton,
Jn^{o} Hill,
Jn^{o} Pitts,
W^{m} Phillips,

Writers.

Tho: Wright,
Rob^{t} Bellamy,
Edw^{d} Hill,
Geo: Wingfield,
Jn^{o} Price,
Jer: Bonnell,

Factors Bay of Bengal.

M^{r} Rich: Gough, } to be of Councill at Hughly.
Edw^{d} Oxborough, }
Jn^{o} Baxter,
Sam^{ll} Meverell,
Cha: Pato,
Jn^{o} Hannam,

Writers.

Cha: Foster,
Jno: Rose,
Jno: Butterfield,
Edw^{d} King,
Tho: Blyther,
W^{m} Bouridge,
Ben: Planner,
Jos: Jenkins,
Tho: Constable,

who are ordered to take their passage on y^{e} *Resolution* and *Defence*, and such as are not ready to go on them shall be sent on y^{e} *Eagles.*

To take passage on *Resolution, Defence*, or *Eagle.*

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Your loving friends,
JOHN BANKS, *Governour.*
——BERKLY.
JOSUA CHILD.
JAMES EDWARDS.
JOHN MOORE.
PETER DANIEL.
WILLIAM SEDGWICK.
WILLIAM JARRETT.
THOMAS DAVALL.
JOHN DUBOIS.
RICHARD HUTCHINSON.
JOSEPH HERNE.
THOMAS COOK.

London 5th March 1683.

Our President Agent and Councill in ye Bay of Bengall—

Sent a copy of last long letter, there being errors in transcribing.

1. With this wee send you ye copy of our last long letter per ye *Resolution* and ye rather because wee observe there were severall errors in transcribing it by ye negligence or youth of our clerks in ye Secretaries Office, which in ye copy now sent wee have corrected.

Apprehend a real advantage in fortifying a residence for our Agent and Councill in ye Bay, and in time create a great revenue as ye Dutch have at Batavia.

2. The more wee think of it ye more advantage wee apprehend in having a fortified settlement for ye Residence of our Agent and Councill of ye Bay in such a place as our great ships may lie within command of ye guns of our Fort, and where we may have ground enough to cultivate for ye sustenance of such a body of people as wee have at Fort St. George and in our City of Madrass, yt wee might in time create a good revenue from thence as ye Dutch make of Batavia, which wee have had occasion often to mention to our President and Councill of ye Fort, and should have had greater fruit thereof by this time but their being upon ye Main they are too much subject to ye Insolencies of Lingapa, ye King of Gulcondah's Government of yt province, and doe labour under another great inconvenience, vizt. ye want of a Harbour or road for shipping on both monsoons, which ought to be carefully provided for in our next Settlement.

If could obtain a Phirmaund for perpetual Inheritance of such a place, wee would give you 30,000 Rupees.

3. If you could obtaine a Phirmaund for ye perpetual inheritance of such a place, wee should not think much of your giving 20 or 30 thousand rupees for ye obtaining of it, nor of ye charge of building a fort to defend it while our President and great shipping are there, not doubting but yt our Charter and this Company is longer lived than ye youngest of our Grandchildren notwithstanding ye infractions yt have lately been made upon it.

Great frost hath destroyed ye Defence, yt now our 3 Bay ships shall sail together.

4. The great and unpresidented frost which wee have had in England this year hath delayed ye *Defence* soe long in ye Ice at Gravesend yt wee now propose our 3 Bay ships shall sail directly for ye Bay altogether, and by them we design to send you a stock of 100,000LL pounds.

5. The Chyrurgeon's Chests and other necessaries on board ye *Defence*, and intended for ye Fort you may send up thither by ye first shipps.

6. The evener sorting of your Mulmuls, Cassayes, Tanjeebs mentioned in ye last paragraph of our former letter is a most desirable thing and better to be effected yt way yn not at all; but if our President during his stay in ye Bay can bring all our factories there and make our contracts by numbered musters with Societies of Merchants after ye method of ye Fort, wee conceive such a regulation much clearer, certainer and better for our Service then reducing ye severall sorts unto an averidge or medium as is directed in our former letter.

Promise ourselves great advantage by Societies of Black Merchants.

7. By Societies of Merchants if they can be contrived and brought to use in ye Bay, we promise ourselves ye following advantages which wee have not yet arrived at under yt Agency.

Never make any bad debts.

1st. That we shall never hereafter make any bad debts.

To clear our warehouses of remains by imposing upon Black Merchants.

2d. That we shall not need to be continually and fruitlesly calling upon you to clear our Warehouses and to put of all old remains, because you may agree ye imposing them upon our black Merchants yearly at ye first making of our contracts with them, as is done at ye Fort.

Many accidentall year they may be providing goods beforehand.

3dly. In such a year as this when by any accident as now by ye frost ye greatest part of our stock happens to arrive late with you, such Societies of Merchants, if they be anything rich, may be providing goods before hand with their own joint stock, as they may likewise be at all other times in y^e absence of our shipping.

Commendations of your faithfull sorting at y^e Fort to use y^e same method in y^e factories of y^e Bay.

8. The method of sorting at y^e Fort, as well as y^e faithfull performance of it lately, deserves our highest commendations, y^e same method and fidelity we hope our President will reduce all our factories of y^e Bay into, and remove those hee shall find slothfull, negligent or unfaithfull.

M^r Edmond Bugden if Agent and Councill think fitt to employ him, as he may be most usefull to them, notwithstanding what he had formerly done.

9. M^r Edmond Bugden was some years since dismist our Service, and we are not now solicited by any of his friends for his restauration, but in regard he hath made an honest shift to gain a livelyhood, and hath had time to repent of what was formerly amiss, as also because his experience must needs be considerable, and y^t we never heard he ever did while he was out of our Service co-operate with Interlopers to our prejudice, for those reasons if our President and Agent Board and Council think him fitt to be trusted we shall consent to his resettlement in our Service, in such place as our President and Councill shall think hee may be most useful to us.

No Englishman to live in India out of our Service, but as housekeepers and hope y^t trade without lycence, seize their persons.

10. The severall English y^t are in y^e Bay trading without our lycense doe you seize their persons and effects, except they will be content to live as housekeepers and free Merchants at Fort St. George or Bombay, for we will allow of no English to reside in India out of our Service, except within y^e verge of our own Garrison.

If it be an easier matter, seize y^e effects, y^r persons Send Inventoryes to fort or Bombay and make process against them.

11. And if you should apprehend it an easier matter to seize their effects than their persons, in such case seize all y^e effects you can belonging to any English out of our Service, and send Inventoryes and due attestation thereof to Fort St. George or Bombay, where we would have our President cause process to be made against them as y^e goods of English trading into India without lycenee before y^e Court, which is erected there by vertue of His Majesties new Charter to be proceeded against as therein is directed, y^e forfeitures being one-half to His Majesty and y^e other half to y^e Company of which said forfeitures you are to keep a just account.

Spoil their trading by giving notice to all Governours y^t they are not in their protection.

12. Besides which you may otherwise spoil their trading in y^e country by giving notice to all Govenours that they are persons out of y^e Company's protection and are not to enjoy any of their priviledges.

Dutch method to be used if servants negligent fine them 3 months and all pay more or less according to y^e offence. The rule published aforehead y^t all persons may know y^e penalty.

13. The methods hitherto directed you for keeping our servants to their duty and to y^t diligence y^t all men ought to use that eat our bread hath been hitherto only turning them out of our service and sending them home, besides which y^e Dutch have other methods, and such as are in many cases better, especially for small offences, and for persons not wholly incorrigible, such as fineing them by y^e Chief and Councill to y^e Company, sometimes a weeks pay, sometimes a months, and sometimes 3 months pay, according to y^e nature of y^e offence or neglect, the rule being known and published aforehand, y^t all persons may know the fault and y^e penalty before they committ it; of these things pray consider and establish such rules *pro tempore* as you shall think most requisite for our service, sending transcripts of them to us for any confirmation.

Another method of y^e Dutch for great crime by degrading y^e party as from a Councillour to a Senior Merchant &c. &c.

14. The Dutch have likewise another way in case of offences which they apprehend deserves not a totall expulsion, and are to big to be attoned by a small fine, which is by degrading y^e party from y^e sallary and place of a Councellour to y^e place of a Senior Merchants, or from a Senior Merchant to a factor, or from a factor to a writer until y^e Company in Europe think fit upon y^e parties amendment and repentance to restore him to his former degree and sallary again, by means whereof they alwaies keep ex-

perienced men in India, and are not soe frequently put to y^e trouble of sending out fresh and raw men as wee have been, of this likewise we would have you seriously to consider, and doe what you think best for y^e present, advising us your opinion what you think is fittest for us to doe, and order herein for y^e future.

The great neglect of y^e factors in y^e Bay, not to be reduced by common means to regularity.

15. Most certain it is our factors in y^e Bay have been for a long time very negligent, and unfaithfull to such a degree, that they are not to be reduced to y^e good ordinary regularity and Justice of y^e Fort by any common means.

If M^r Hedges behaves himself civilly, you may let him have a fair exit.

16. Our favour intended M^r Hedges in our former letter is only in respect to S^r Jeremy Sambrooke and not in y^e least to M^r Hedges himself, whose evill deportment and carriage in opening or deteyning y^e Governour's letter was such as renders him not deserving y^e least kindness from us. However if he behaves himself civilly, without interrupting or prejudicing our business openly or secretly, you may let him have a fair exit as we then write you.

To compell him to pay all he owes us or defrauded us oft not to suffer him or any others to bring home any prohibited goods.

17. But before hee comes away compell him to pay into our cash whatsoever he owes us or may have defrauded us of y^t you can have just proof of, and to give not either to him or any other persons lycense to bring home any kind of prohibited goods in any of our ships.

Resolve y^e improvement of St. Hellena, therefore send slaves, every Commander to deliver to Government all y^e rice left for y^e slaves.

18. Wee are every day more resolved to prosecute y^e improvements of St. Hellena per sugar works, Indigo, Cotton, Saltpetre and many other waies which cant be effected without slaves; and therefore wee must inculcate our former orders to you to send us by every ship either from y^e Coast or Bay, 6: 8: or 10, and more when they are cheap, fewer when they are dear; you need not send with them much more rice then will serve for their food in their passage, because wee have found out a much cheaper way to sustain them at S^t Hellena then by paying our Commanders ten pounds a stone freight for rice. However order every Commander to deliver to our Governour and Councill all y^e remainder of rice which you lay in for our slaves which they doe not eat in y^e voyage.

If possible to gett such as has need to that had and speak a little English, if any such, describe them to y^e Govenour or Smith or Carpenters.

19. Among y^e slaves you send let some of them if you can be such as speak a little English, and some y^t have been used in sugar works and Saltpetre works, or in planting Indigo, Cassador, or Cotton wool, and if you meet with any such describe them soe to y^e Governour and Councill as he may know them when they arrive at St. Hellena, or if you can meet with any used in making earthen ware, Sugar Moulds or Jars, Smiths or Carpenters they will be worth your giving double rate in India.

To send Cotton and Indigo seeds &c. to St. Hellena the manner of putting them up.

20. Forgett not to send Cotton and Indigo seeds, male Cloves a handfull if you can gett them from any Dutch skipper, first putting them into boxes or pots of earth and keeping them duely watered untill they sprout, and if they sprout before you ship y^e pots or boxes make a case of Wyre over them to preseve them from y^e rats, and give y^e Captaines a great charge concerning them, for y^t such young plants may be of inestimable value to this Kingdom, the nature of clove trees being to grow upon high land, such as St. Hellena is, and in much about y^e same latitude.

M^r Charnock advised to send of y^e manner of making Saltpetre and if possible to send two that speaks a little English to teach them.

21. M^r Charnock having lived long at Pattana, wee desire him to send to our Govenour and Councill at St. Hellena a large and particular description of the manner of making saltpetre there and of everything y^t is requisite thereunto, and y^t you send us a copy thereof, and if it be possible y^t he would hire one or two men y^t speak a little English and know y^e whole process and way of making Saltpetre at Pattana to go to St. Hellena and teach our people y^e way of it, besides y^e wages he agrees for if this design take effect at St. Hellena (where wee Know y^e earth is proper) wee will give y^e parties a very good reward and their passage back to y^e Bay as soon as they shall desire it.

Likewise to send long and round peper or anything else proper.

22. You may likewise send (soe secure by wire) 3 or 4 young plants of long pepper, and if you can procure them a few plants of round pepper, or anything else you think fitt to propagate, which in truth wee ourselves as well as our factors abroad have wanted zeal enough for hitherto, but are now quickend to these attempts by ye late encroachments of ye Dutch at Bantam.

Want of hard wood for mills of large dementions which wee desire you to send.

23. We are told by our intended Overseer of our Sugar works at St. Hellena that we shall want hard wood for some use for our mills, which is not to be had here or there, wherefore we desire you to send us by every great ship one piece of thirty or thirty-four inches diametre and thirty-five or forty feet long of such wood as is used for fixing of Rowlers upon and in Sugar Mills, what wood is most proper you will easily learn from those you buy your sugar of, ye thicker and longer ye better.

Arrival of ye Persia Merchant from Surratt. The President in making ye Channel in ye night is cast away.

24. The 9th Instant arrived in ye Downes ye *Persia Merchant* from Surratt, she was in company with ye *President* from Surratt and ye *Surratt Merchant* from Batavia and Sillesbar 100 leagues to ye Westward of ye lands end ye 12th xbra last, but by a violent storm they were parted and drove back to ye Westward, since which wee have an account yt ye *President* Captain Jonathan Hide in making ye Channel in ye night time by a violent storm was cast away on ye Rock of Helston in Mounts Bay in Cornwall on ye 11th Instant, all her men saving 2 being drowned, and most of her cargoe wee fear also is lost, if not all of it, tho all means possible is used to see what can be saved thereof, ye *Surratt Merchant* is not yett arrived but daily expected.

A ship to goe dead freighted to ye Fort.

25. Let no part of our tonnage upon any of our ships hereafter goe up dead freighted to ye Fort, but continue ye filling up our whole tonnage upon every ship you send thither with petre or turmerick, bolts of sayle cloth and canvas for stores to lye up there, or else with paddy, rice, arrack, butter, oyle, timber or boards that you know will turn us best to account at ye Fort, our intent being to make ye place a Magazine from whence you may be ready to despatch a ship upon any sudden occasion.

To send timber and boards by reason they be cheap in ye Bay.

26. Wee have mentioned timber and boards because we know those commodities are always wanted in such a growing Town as Madrass and are dear there, whereas they must of necessity be extreme cheap in ye Bay, and wee reckon ye freight from ye Bay to ye Fort will cost us nothing, especially in such room in any of our ships yt would otherwise goe up empty.

President knows best what sort of timber is vendible at Fort always a store ready.

27. Our President knows best what sort of timber and boards are most usefull and vendible at ye Fort, and may if he thinks this notion will doe us any good while he is in ye Bay make a contract with fitting persons to have always ready such a store in ye most proper place for easy embarkation in ye Bay as yt a sufficient quantity may be put on board any ship in 2 or 3 days time.

Prudence in storeage of goods.

28. Your prudence must govern you in leaving room for storeage of any goods you shall order to be taken in by any ships going to ye Fort upon ye Coast of Gingerlee or at at Madapollam or Metchlepatam.

To St. Hellena ye Blacks you send be great quantity females.

29. It will be convenient yt about half ye Blacks you send to St. Hellena should be females, because those people doe not live contentedly without wifes.

Mr Hedges leave to come home paying into our Cash what money he owes.

30. Notwithstanding what wee writt in ye former clauses Nos 15 and 16 about Mr Hedges, yet we doe hereby confirm our former order in our letter sent by ye *Resolution* according to our order of Court of 21st December last, whereby he hath leave either at ye Bay or ye Fort this year or when he shall come home to pay into our cash what money he will, taking our President or Agent and Councill's bill of exchange upon us for ye same, which wee shall accept and punctually pay according to our said order of Court.

Mr Samuel Gryffith intended for Syam now for ye Bay.

31. Mr Samuel Gryffith yt we intended for Syam before his settlement in his station of our Bay Councill wee have now directed to proceed immediately for ye Bay, ye late wonderfull frost having retarded yt ship too long to adventure for Syam.

What goods sent out by ye adventurers to be consigned to Presidents, Agents or Factors and investments to be made by ye above said.

32. Wee have for ye incouragement of yourselves and ye rest of our factors in India made our order and published it yt what Bullion, goods or merchandize shall be sent out by any of ye adventurers is to be consigned to our Presidents, Agents or Factors, or some of them in India and to no others, and yt ye investments thereof are to be made by our said Presidents, Agents and Factors & to be returned to England on ye Companies shipping and no other.

Sent home by ye Company's Shipping and no other. An equal distribution of gruffe and fine goods on all ships except vizt.

33. And finding yt some of our ships laden by you doe greatly break in their tonnage for want of an equal distribution of fine and gruffe goods to be put on board them, by which alsoe ye owners fall much short of their accustomed freight. Wee doe hereby desire and enjoyne you yt when two or more of our ships are together in Port taking in goods you will be carefull yt they have a just proportion both of fine and gruffe goods allotted them according to their tonnage. But where you shall think to dispeed an early ship to us alone, in such case we would have you lade as many fine goods on her as conveniently you can, which may turne us to best advantage.

English to live as free Merchants, if any refuse this kindness, send their names home.

34. Upon further thoughts of ye 10th paragraph touching ye English not in our Service and trading without our lycense, wee would have you send none of them home this year, if they will be content to live as free Merchants in either of our Garrisons either at Fort St. George or Bombay, and if any refuse this our kindness, give us ye names of all such as are refactory by ye first opportunity and you shall have our further orders.

John and Mary sent to Fort with medicines &c. she is to sayle directly to ye Bay and obliged to serve us 18 months in ye Bay by Charter party.

35. Wee have freighted ye *John and Mary*, Joshua Woodland, Commander burthen 150 tons, and sent her directly to ye Fort with ye medicines and necessaries provided for yt place, and from thence she is to sayle directly for ye Bay to be disposed of for our Service as you shall think fitt, she being obliged as you will find by Charter party to serve us 18 months in ye Country, wee conceiving she may be a proper ship for lading of sugars for Persia.

Factors and writers from Europe.

36. Besides ye Factors and Writers sent you per ye *Resolution*, wee have further compleeted ye persons following to serve us at ye Fort and Bay, which will take their passage on ye 3 ships now designed to you, vizt. ye *Defence*, *Eagle* and *Syam Merchant*.

Mr Samuel Gryffith }
Mr Edward Oxborough } of Council in y Bay.

Factors.

Mr Cholmly Stevens.
Mr John Baxter.
Mr John Hannam.
Mr John Hill.
Mr John Pitt.

Writers.

William Phillips.
William Marshall, Fort.
Samuel Stancliffe.
Richard Farmer.
Edward Hill.
Benjamin Planner.

37. Since y^{e} sending of our Commission for constituting our Councill in y^{e} Bay wee find upon examination y^{t} M^{r} Samuel Gryffith went out in time before M^{r} Richard Frenchfield, at y^{e} sallary of 30^{LL} a year at first, whereas M^{r} Frenchfield went out but a writer, and therefore to doe M^{r} Gryffith right, hee must have y^{e} Presidency in Councill before M^{r} Frenchfield, which wee doe hereby accordingly order, notwithstanding anything in our Commission aforesaid.

M^{r} Gryffith in Councill to be afore M^{r} Trenchfield.

The friends of Robert Sherman have given us additionall security for y^{e} faithfull discharge of his trust of which wee think fitt to give you notice. Wee recommend you and our affairs to y^{e} guidance and protection of y^{e} Almighty and remain—

Additionall security for Robert Sherman.

Your loving friends,

Signed
JOHN BANKS, *Gov^{r}.*
JOSU^{A} CHILD.
JAMES EDWARDS.
WILLIAM JARRETT.
JOHN DUBOIS.
PETER DANIEL.
RICHARD HUTCHINSON.
C. BANKS.
JOSEPH HERNE.
THOMAS COOK.
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Hugly, ye 1st July 1682.

TO Ye RIGHT WORSPLL WM GYFFORD, ESQr, Governor of Fort St George
& Agent for the Honble English East India Companys Affairs
on ye Coast of Cormandell and in the Kingdomes of Bengall & Orixa,
&ca Councell:

HONOBLE FRIENDS,

Our last to you was dated the 18th Aprill together wth a postscript of ye 25th ditto in which you had a very full Accot of all transactions in our Honble Employers affairs under our cognisance in these countries as well as answer to all your advices recd to that time and since wch wee have recd none from you. Wee referr to all generall papers then sent you as inlisted being 30 in number and come now to give a farther Accot of what since our last has happened in our Masters negotiations herewith our thoughts thereon, what wee have acted therein, and to dispatch all generall papers to you according to the Honble Compas late orders:

The 10th of May ye Cheif went hence up to Cassambazar both to see how the investments of this Factory went forward as also to try what might be done with Boolchund, ye Nabob's Governour of ye greatest part of Bengall in whose hands also this port wth much of the King's rents all over this Kingdome are, about a new trouble of an extraordinary great moment raised on our Master's business in this Kingdome occasioned by an order from ye king that for what goods wee shall not show ye Customer's note of Surratt, wee are here to pay 3½ ꝑ cent Custome, of this wee gave you a small hint in our last fearing ourselves to be in danger thereof, this port where ye Custome is to be taken being under the aforesaid Governour Boolchund wee thought good for the present to apply to him till a through remedy might be attained elsewhere, and theaccordingly did by meditation of a Merchant, and the Cheife thereupon was invited to come up to Cassambazar to him which he no thinking any friendly overture to be slighted from soe great a man, one who can doe us soe much good and evill in the dayly Cource of our business especially at such a time as this proceeded, but finding him not able to come to those termes desired & found requisite by the Cheife, he let the thing fall, and made it his business with him only to preserve his friendship and to keep him from taking any usuall advantage at such an ill-juncture on our business, as both to hinder our investments by laying hold & imprisoning or otherwise molesting those people wee deale with in Maulda, Cassambazar and Hugly, over all which places he is absolute Governour, as also to oblige him not to write any more to the King's Duan against us, (who by writing to the King had gott this order for paying Custome on us), wee having certaine notice that Boolchund had of late been to busie in that kind to our prejudice. This by a present of fourteen peeces of Broadcloth to him and his officers ye Cheife got effected, including in that ye Cassambazar present computed at neer halfe ye amot, and wee have since been pretty quiett and our investments goe on uninterrupted in all the above mentioned Factories, and that wee may be cleere to ship of our goods at the season of ye year, wee have taken ye most effectuall care we can, to the King's Court having not only sent our Cheife Vacqueele hence for greater assistance but also given our Vaqueele these three instructions first of retrieving our business and putting it in a statu quo precis, 2ndly if not that to be done then to see if wee can come off for a yearly Pishcash to be paid as formerly in the port of Hugly, or lastly if wee must pay Custome that we may be excused of the 1½ ꝑ cent, Jidgsa (what we pay on that accot at Surratt far exceeding that tribute for our whole nation all over this Empire) and pay 2 ꝑ cent Custome, and that also in the same manner ye Dutch doe their 4 ꝑ cent. in this port. This wee desire your approvall off being the best way wee could think on, or if you think fitt to alter any ꝑticular please to signifie it to us immediately that wee may accordingly direct our Vaqeele aloft. In the meane time and that wee may gaine time for this affair to be brought about wee have taken care to Dacca and written Mr Hervy &ca word to see what may be done there & to returne us an Answer, which wee may expect suddenly, with their opinions, though it is here alone wee fear to goe lame not expecting any good issue at least without excessive delais as long as the said Hervy continues in said Chiefship, but untill you are pleased to put others into our hands wee must worke with what tooles wee have or can here make of ourselves. This is a acco^{t} of that affair. What done at Cossumb^{ar} what here succeeded previous thereto, and what has since followed coming fully laid down in our Diary, Coppyes which herewith are transmitted for your view. Wee shall not trouble you with a repetition of it in this paper referring the whole and ourselves to your impartiall judgement on the whole. Our Bookes lye open for those of the Inland Factories having yett rec^{d} none save those small ones from Dacca, by the next conveyance which will certainly be in 25 days more we will send you a pair without awaiting y^{e} Inland Bookes any longer in case they doe not come in y^{e} meane time. At the chiefs late being at Cassambazar, Enoch Smadmore, one of the companys diers came to him y^{e} said cheif and acknowledging his fault in joyning with John Naylour, the other Dyer, and John Elliot y^{e} throwster, in such an action not being himselfe when drawn into it, and afterward ashamed to let any one know that he had been soe vilely over reached by the said John Naylour who as he said was the putter of said business forward. He complained that y^{e} said John Naylour and Elliot having interchangably wth him signed unto bonds of 500^{LL} star^{ls}, that on the Chief or Councell of y^{e} Factories abuseing any one of them they should all be obliged in y^{e} penalty of said bond to leave y^{e} Comp^{as} service at once. He now said that between y^{e} said Naylour and Elliot they had surruptitiously gotten y^{e} said Elliot's bond, which was in his possession, each one it seems at the time of this conspiracy having the others bond in their possession, and that now Naylour would not deliver up his bond to him, he the said Smadmore desiring to be free of any such unhandsome obligation, on w^{ch} the chief called Naylour and Elliot (who at that time was on his owne acco^{t} at Cassambazar) and demanded a sight of these bonds, y^{e} former being in service was frighted out of two of them w^{ch} were in his possession, one of which comes enclosed, but Elliot having last year left y^{e} employm^{t} would not produce y^{e} bond of John Naylour in his hands, pretending one while he had lost it, another that he had burnt it, whereupon that he might not continue to doe mischeife there the Cheif brought him thence with him, he the s^{d} Elliot having proceeded thither some time before wth out leave. Y^{e} other John Naylour besides this which wee take to be an unpardonable fault, what in him lies endeavouring to illude all the Hon^{ble} Companys desires of bringing their dying designe to perfection in that factory, being a great breeder of division in s^{d} factory of Cassambazar for these severall years past between y^{e} factors and the tradesmen of said factory, also being noe workman, & Enoch Smdamore proffering and being able untill another black Dyer comes out, John Pratt deceasing y^{e} 22^{d} May last, to carry on both the black and colour dying trade there, we make it our request that the said John Naylour may be removed, it being utterly to the Hon^{ble} Companys disadvantage y^{t} he be longer continued in Cassambazar factory. M^{r} Hervy not having sent any answer to his charge as entred in the diary for the moneth of Aprill herewith dispeeded, to this day, we desire it may be taken *pro confesse*, and that accordingly you will pronounce judgment of suspension on him, and that we may have liberty of sending another Cheife to Dacca in his roome; wee call not else to mind at present save y^{e} superscription of—

Right Worsp^{ll} & Councell,

Rec^{d} Aug^{t} 10: 1682.

Your most Humble Servant,

MATT^{S} VINCENT.

EDWARD LITTLETON.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RICH^{D} TRENCHFIELD.

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DECCA, JULY 13th, 1682.

RIGHT WORP^{LL} Esq^{r} &$^{a}_{c}$,

HONOURED SIRS,

I am infinitely obliged to y^{r} Prudence, Equity and moderation y^{t} yo^{u} permitted me to answer M^{r} Vincent's charge, w^{ch} I purposely delayed sometime in hope y^{t} succeeding accidents might either not soe absolutely require it from me here, or be satisfyed tho it were done after another manner then now it is, as I once intended, but when I began to think it of necessity I sett about it, not without strong reluctancy and regret that for my owne just defence and vindication I was Compelled to collect and unite many scattered passages y^{t} as they lay in generall Papers would have it may be harmelesse, and recount others equally offensive and unpleasant:

The whole I take as designed against myself, but in regard some particulars thereof include the 2^{d} & 3^{d} heretoo, twas thought necessary to be donn by us all and accordidgly twas wrott, owned and signed:

The Coppy I presume to send y^{u} herewith as also 5 other papers relating thereto doubting much when or whither ever M^{r} Vincent w^{ll} transmit y^{e} originalls:

Whither his charge be fully refuted you are to be judges and 'tis my great fortune and happiness that the decision is with persons of such wisdome, justice and other Excelling qualities:

If y^{e} shall think the style in any part Petulant and language unseemly because he is my superior and Cheife of the Bay, I humbly submitt to and wi^{ll} beare yo^{r} sensure, yet y^{e} same time earnestly beseech yo^{u} to consider well y^{e} true reasons and nature of, and his manner of working the accusation, and the whole Progress and series of his attempts to disgrace and ruine me wth your Worp^{t} &$^{a}_{c}$, and the Hon^{ble} Company. Could he have made discoveryes of any unfaithfullness in my actions and dealings, for such are y^{e} Charges to be regarded and noted, there had needed little gall in his Ink and none in mynes, but to fly out into clamorous passion and make personall refections w^{ch} if true are noe part of business, is to usurp an unlawfull power over me, for certainly neither yo^{r} selves nor y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} ever intend to despoyle any Englishman whatsoever of his birthright, or to invest a superier servant as is M^{r} Vincent with y^{t} liberty of defamation of one subordinate but a few degrees, w^{ch} the lawes of England, let the disproportion be never so great suffer not to goe unpunished. He is a Merchant soe am I, he is the first in the Bay, I am not y^{e} last & altho inferior to him in some respects yet am I not one iota less tender of my credit, my good name being that w^{ch} must sweeten my life and he that would wound it I think approaches to murder me:

I only wish y^{e} senilty and Burlesque of some passages may not disgust y^{u} because I esteemed it more safe and warrantable thus to disarm him them then to make killing passes retaliating dirty rayling:

As soon as I was sensible of this secret and cruel underminings, such as were his withdrawing and denying the enordered Investments of this Factory and yet at y^{e} same tyme accusing me to the y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} for negligence that they were not made &$^{a}_{c}$ I began to look to myselfe soe that our Decca letters and Dyaryes since 1680 which are our Hono^{d} Masters Interest chiefely and my owne just excuses are his great quarrell, and are or should be all before y^{u} though I despayre that y^{u} will find tyme to looke soe much words into them all as the matter requires. Most of the Articles of his accusation deduced from past yeares doe certainly in y^{o} Worp^{s} &$^{a}_{c}$ Judgments look like old malice revived w^{ch} now to fill up paper and accumulate my faults are utterd on this occasion. But against such besides that I have answered them to him, I have another plea with humble submission to your Honoured Councell, w^{ch} is the Hon^{ble} Comp: last year's letter and Paragraph concerning me in these words, and if M^{r} Hervy should be displaced from being a Cheife at Decca, our positive order is that he be forthwith resetled Cheife of y^{t} factory, and that doe carry on this yeare's Investment at that place and soe to continue untill our further order. For y^{e} Ho: Co: did suppose that I might be desplaced from this proceeding year letter, wherein they gave the last Agent Master in great repute & esteem with them then on suspicion only of my prevate Tradeing an unlimited and indeed unheard of power to put me from their service; and yet notwithstanding upon second thoughts and fresher advices they are pleased to Honour to me with the Cheifship of Decca ye very following yeare, soe that I am now as it were upon a new foundation. Whilst therefore noe foul dealing or wronging them in my accompts has ever appeared or is soe much as hinted at by those who I have been advised first after my very blood surely Mr Vincent's *fond* and frayle arguments before that tyme cannot, neither ought, in ye least to harme me with yor Worp &ca:

And on these considerations Cheifly doe I ground my present presumption that I doe not deceive myself with vayne & unreasonable hopes and expectations of yor favour, tho being as I am, encomposed with ye numberless snares of a furious and Potent enemy, and my life thereby made very wretched, I know not why a change for ease and rest should be unwellcome. In this difficult Employment I am in, as circumstances are, ye least error or misfortune I am obnoxious to will be noys'd by Mr Vincent to ruine the Ho: Co: concerns and laboriously contrived if he can to work my fall tho as I have wrott him, who ever shall be soe vile as for their owne animosityes or grudges, of wch God knows I am free, to endanger in the least by any negligence, omession or connivance ye Honoble Compa Interest deserve to suffer in my opinion all they are capable of suffering:

I have now left earnestly and humbly to Deprecate the ill opinion yor Worp or any of your Councell may possibly conceive of me, for a man contentious or Turbulent &ca, for I am certainly of another and more agreeable temper, having never differ'd with any that know me well or lived with me, with any man whatever who exceeded not ye bounds of fayrness, honesty and reason and this preferr to your consideration. How haughty, Insolent and insufferable, yea and generally pernicious to the Humour now rainging over us in Bengall, is you have, it may be, perceived, and herd also from others, tho if matters had not come to this extremity I would have chosen still to suffer silently:

Yet after a long and sharp contest I have gained nothing but Vexation and trouble for the Cheife is ye most resolved and stubborn man alive, nay I find ye generall bussiness must yeild to him at last, for whilst his power and malice remaynes it is impossible for me or any man liveing to serve ye H: C: in this place either according to our Desires and Capacity or their honours expectations.

I am,

Right Worpll Esqr· &ca

Your most humbly sevt,

Sa. HERVY.

WORPLL MATTHIAS VINCENT &A COUNCELL—DACCA, JUNE YE 30th 1682.

SIRS,

Wee are answering your paper called Mr Sa: Hervy's charge, wch you might more truly have entituled a charge against ye Factors at Dacca, because divers perticulers therein reflect on us joyntly, and Sevll others concerns him no further then as he is Chiefe of the Councell in this Factory (the Honble Compas business being managed by Consultation):

But yor inveterate malice & hatred to him is become so excessive & vissible yt yors have not forborn to impute to him perticularly wt yor selves a little after charge as ye faults of us all:

Some of yor accusations are in themselves absolutely false and forged:

You clamour agst him for neglect of such business wch to effect was utterly impossible for us:

You rip up old & impertinent trifles to swel your charge (yt ye number of 11: Articles may look big and terrible) whereas they have long since been answered by him beyond the reply of envy itselfe:

You blame him for want of large Investmts & pretend thereby damage to ye Honble Compa, when wth all yor arts, subtill dealing & power, you have a long time striven and still continue not onely to disgrace us the Factors, but ruin this Factory itself;

You charge us wth Prophaneness, but forgett your owne gross Hypocricyes :

You complayn of Mr Hervy's reviling the Chiefe of Hugly, but you perticularize not wherein, whilst your constant discourse of him is with such blackness & Malignity of actionable words and expressions as a Civil Court of Judicature in England would, & still may, serverely punish you for.

And as if you were wholly lost to all Christian charity good manners & modesty, you blot yor paper with a filthy obscene railing about whores &ca wch you ground you say on the assertion of some Englishmen (but who they are you name not) never remembring yor owne openly & scandalous, & unchast lives :

All wch this our answer shall fully demonstrate wth this premise that tho it be directed to ye Cheife &ca of Hugly, we nevertheless doe not entitle every distinct person thereof to wt wee say, having assurance that some yt signed yt Lre : Aprill 8th 1682, as divers others before it, were induced thereunto out of fear, for quietness sake & the like, neither does ye Cheife here, as is the practice of ye Cheife of Hugly, desire of, or impose on any men, to subscribe to things he knows not or is not concernd in, wherefore (as to this yor charge) Mr Hervy answers for himselfe, & ye 2d & 3d for themselves to wch each is properly obliged to & no further, except to some perticular passages to wch they are wittnesses for him :

But, certainly Mr Vincent never expected this accusation should come to be answered thus, he concluded 'twas enough he said it, & yt therefore it would be taken *pro confesso,* else on our request in our Lre of October 16 : 1681 : wherein wee desired a copy of John Ponsett's examination, & yt Consultation thereof (which he himselfe was never yett permitted to see) we should have it sent us, Mr Hervy then hoping to make his reply to wt might concern him (hearing of some thing hatching agst him) but instead of such faire dealyng you answer in yors of November 7th 1681 " Mr Hervy wee suppose ere long may be called down to answer wt wee have understood from Jno Ponsett when here wth Sevll other things, & then he may see all as they lye, (wch last word is very signi-" ficant & noteable, the whole charge being very barren of truth) so yt it appears Mr Vincent did conclude his great power wth the late Agent (how grounded all men notoriously guess) had like the Load-stone a derivative quality thro: him to touch ye present, but God be praysed a rich man is sometimes baffled in his unjust & foolish expectations, & ye present Agent &ca have exprest more equity & good conscience yn to suffer our implacable Enemies & accusors to be our Judges ; but to proceed to ye matter :

Article Primo.

You begin thus,

" That in the year 16$\frac{80}{79}$: when he was dispatched with orders and Instruc-" tions for presenting of Nabob Shahesteh Cawn at his last return from Dilly " to Dacca ye primo March he delayed his departure from Hugly tho severall " times urged by the Cheife to be gone till ye 18th day of Do Mo of March :

Answer.

Mr Hervy's orders were dated Pmo March be grantes and then delivered him till some dayes after, and then were severall times remanded back by Mr Vincent, and day to enterline a clause wch he did wth his owne hand (the orders being writt by another), another day to add a postscript signed Matts Vincent : Geo Peacock : Jno Thomas ; another time to add a 2d postscript signed M. V., G. P., J. T. another time to add a 3d postscript signed M. V. & another time to add a 4th postscript signed M. V. as the papers before us now demonstrate, and all these additions & alterations hapned by reason of casual discourse from day today between Mr Vincent and Mr Hervy, after the orders were first given him, and it was well known both to Mr Vincent, Mr Charnock & divers others yt Mr Hervy was sick then and under a Course of Physick, yt ye weather was extreamly unreasonable, and divers dayes unfitt for travaile, yt one of the boats proved leaky & was faine to be mended, yt one of the Dandyes dyed suddenly, some fell sick & others run away from their charge, nor did the Cheife of Hugly ever urge him as you affirm to bee gone, knowing these accidents & making it indifferent then, whither he went 10 days sooner or later:

Article 2d.

That after this he triffled away the time between this place & Miradpore, (a place in ye way to Decca wch he was enordered to touch at & take 2 Persian horses wch were to be sent him from Cassambazar to present the Nabob with all & Rupees 10,000 for Accot of ye Honble Compa) he not getting thither till ye 29th March wch was 11 days, whereas ye Cheife departing hence 21 dayes after him, ye weather being hotter, less water in the river, & in as great a Compa going to settle a new Factory at Maulda got to ye same place in 5 days:

Answer.

A credulous man yt is not acquainted with your Manner of writing would from this beleive that Mr Hervy was ordered to touch at Miradpore, but 'tis perfectly false, he never was ordered to touch or stay there, nor is yt place so much as named in his orders wch wee all affirm, having divers times read over ye same, nevertheless he did goe to Miradpore and reached it in 9 days (not 11 as you say) for tho he left Hugly Factory 18th March at night yet he proceeded not on his way till the next Morning, and gott to Miradpore ye 27th (not ye 29th as you affirm, and ye reason was because he went 3 or 4 easy dayes Journey in expectation of Jno Price Vacqueile who was left behind & wthout whom ye presents were not to be given ye Nabob, & all that have travaile by water 'twixt Hugly and Dacca know yt laden Oolacks generally make it 14 days, & Miradpore is ye better part of ye way, because to that place they goe agst ye Stream, but onwards thence they are Carryed wth a mighty currant, the river being a considerable arme of ye Ganges, & if the Cheife of Hugly did gett thither in five days, it may be because he was not obliged to stay for laden boats, but went in a nimble Budgerow wth 24 oars, & possibly ye weather being hotter, travailed in the night too, but if not, yet the atcheivement is no mighty one, ye Honble Compa got no more by these 5 days than they lost by those 9: so wee presume yt matter is not much:

Article 3d.

That when ye said Hervy was gotten to Miradpore he did not stay for the Honble Compas Persian horses or treasure as enorderd but proceeded to Dacca without them, pretending in a genll sent after from Dacca, ye 17th Aprill that year, and recd here ye five of said Mo, that his Casual falling out wth a Zimmendar or Farmer of ye Country thereabout to have been the cause of his so hasty leaving yt place, wch ye Cheife coming to ye same place some 12 days after found to be no such thing, as had it been true it had been a very frivolous Excuse:

Answer.

This is also after the old style at randome, for when Mr Hervy was gott to Miradpore he did stay for the Honble Compas Persian horses & treasure & (the 28th being the Lordsday) wrote early 9th to Mr Littleton, Cheife &ca at Cassambazar to send the same forwards to him, & if the horses & money were to be sent Mr Hervy from Cassambazar to Miradpore as Mr Littleton & Mr Needham (who signe this yor Lre of Aprill 8th 1682 wth the rest) affirme now in ye 2d Article of yor charge why did they refuse to send the same by their Lre of March 31st 1680 alleaging then they had no orders so to doe; & if Mr Hervy as you now say was order'd to stay at Miradpore for ye horses & money and Mr Littleton & Needham did then advise they had no orders to send them, it follows Mr Hervy's fault was that he did not stay at Miradpore till Littleton &ca had wrote so, & recd orders from Hugly, wch is ridiculous, pray please to peruse those said Letters of 29th & 31st March 1680: and you will see how shamefully they and the Articles contradict one another that Mr Hervy did not stay just

* See pa℘ No. 1:.

* 1 Paper.

at Miradpore but a place near it, was because of a quarrell y^{t} hapned 'twixt some of his dandyes & y^{e} Zimmendar's Peons w^{ch} he advised y^{u} at large Aprill 17th following from Dacca, nor can y^{e} Cheife of Hugly weaken this Assertion, tho he says he came to the same place 12: days after & found no such thing, does he mean he did not find the men fighting 12: days after, or y^{t} he found no marks of blood or $slaught^{r}$ nor heard sound of blowes, nor noice of cryes and Clamours, all these he might have missed 12: days after, tho: armies of 50,000: men had been engaged, or does he thinck he can thus prove a negative. If the Cheife here should argue thus, assuredly he would call him Clod Pate, but if this be true as certainly it is & many servants now in this Factory do write it before us all, it was no frivilous excuse but of necessity to leave that place for another not far off it; for he that shall know his servants in fault having allmost murder'd one of y^{e} $Governm^{t}$ Peons, & shall not endeavour to avoyd by passing Away the fury of y^{e} mad multitude in such a distemper having a considerable charge of y^{e} Hon^{ble} $Comp^{a}$ as M^{r} Hervy had, is so far from discretion, as he scarsely deserves to be intrusted or employed, and if any mischeife had hapned at y^{t} time by M^{r} Hervy's stay at Miradpore, you yo^{r} selves would have been y^{e} accusors of him, therefore if now you thinck such triffles as these are a charge ag^{st} him you would certainly then have demanded sattisfaction for the Hon^{ble} $Comp^{as}$ damage, & forthwith dismissed him his $employm^{t}$:

See pa ꝑ N^{o} 2:

But wee remember very well you did then enflame this matter exceedingly to y^{e} late Agent Master, who as you had desired, threatened M^{r} Hervy w^{th} suspension, yet he required his defence and it was sent you as appears by our Lres & Dyary Nov^{br} 3^{d} 1680: and to y^{e} day of your revivall of this old story wee have not heard a word more thereof, nevertheless because y^{t} defence is at large an answer to these 3 Articles wee desire you to send it forward to y^{e} Agency if you have not done it formerly, if you have will doubtlessly be found amongst y^{e} pap^{s} or Registers at y^{e} Fort:

See pa ꝑ N^{o} 3:

Article 4th.

That notwithstanding the said Hervy was enordered y^{e} 10th July 1680: to get out severall Phirwannas under y^{e} seals of Nabob Shahesteh Cawne & y^{e} King's Duan Hojje Soffee Cawn, conformable to y^{e} new Phyrmand granted lately to the Hon^{ble} $Comp^{a}$ by the King and frequently afterwards from time to time urged to hasten them, he being furnished w^{th} all things necessary for effecting the same, yet he still delayed or did not ask for it as he ought, by w^{ch} means y^{e} Hugly piscash of rup^{s} 3000 was paid y^{t} year, and tho at last wee found y^{t} two of the Kings Duan's Phirwannaes were dated y^{e} 2^{d} & 8th $Octo^{br}$ 1680: and the Nabobs gen^{ll} Phirwanna was dated 17th January following, yet he the said Hervy did not send them hither till 31st May 1681: & they came not to hand untill y^{e} 14th June following:

Answer.

Hitherto you have seemed to rally onely whilst you bring back from oblivion old insignificant but yet answered storyes and passages. In this Article you thinck you set upon us sorely and with the noisy Artillery of big and sounding words, as King, Phyrmaund, Nabobs, King's Duan, Phyrwanna, Rup^{s} 3000 &$^{a}_{o}$ you would endeavour to perswade a beleife wee must infallibly fall at this batterry, this looks at first dash to a fresh man as unanswerable, but when wee shall have unmasked the matter, it will shew very weak and thin, & in the intention of it has as little of truth as any that preceeded it, our business is onely to epitomize as consisely as wee can all generall Lres, & Dyaries relating thereto, & then what wee seek for, but you endeavour to disguise & conceal, *viz^{t}* the whole truth will appear thus:

In yo^{rs} of y^{e} 2^{d} July 1680: you advise "the King's Phyrmaund is "obtained, & on y^{e} way, pray take advise there & write wither it will be neces-"sary or no for our Master's advantage y^{t} wee send it to you, and whether wee "shall if at all send the originall, copy attested by the Cozzee, aloft, of this "faile not to advise throughly:"

This Lre came to us ye 10th July & was answered ye 12th Do 1680: by us in these words "ye Phyrmaund as wee apprehend and are advised, ought of "necessity to be sent hither to be shewed ye Suba, Duan Buxe Cozzee, wakia "Nevis &ca & divers authenticated coppies thereof are to be delivered severall "Duftors, but pray let it come by boat & wth extraordinary caution, for fear of "miscarying." July 10th 1680: you sent us coppies of the Phyrmaund &ca wch wee recd 17th do). but no orginall, Augst 21: 1680, you sent us ye originall & it arrived here 3d Septr 1680: the King's Duan being an old & very infirm man did not appear often publickly as is ye custome of such great officers to doe, wherefore tho wee constantly endeavoured it wee could not get an oppertunity to see him till ye 9th Septr 1680 but then wee did & presented him with our Phyrmaund &ca papers all wch he read deliberately & ordered coppies to be taken thereof for his further perusall & satisfaction, & then he promised to grant his Phyrwannaes thereon. Our Vacquiels from this time forwards attending ye Duan's Durbarr for ye promised Phyrwannaes brought us word Septr 14: 1680: that the Mutsuddyes unless wee gratifyed would not write us a perticular Phyrwanna for Discharge of ye Rups: 3000 yearly piscash, but onely a short one relating to the Phyrmaund; ye 13th Septr 1680: you writt us you are come to an agreemt wth the Govr of Hugly about the paymt of ye yearly piscash, & have engaged for an answer in 15 days, but ere yt yor Lre came to us 'twas the 27th day of ye Mo so that 14 of ye 15 days were gone at our first sight of yt Lre, by this tis Manifestt yt both for ye agreemt & paymt of ye Rups 3000: also wee are clear:

But upon a nearer enquiry into this matter 'tis apparent you had a desire to pay ye same, for first wt need had you to come to an agreemt of 15 days when you could shew him ye Phyrmaund &ca papers whereby the King released us thereof, it was ye Govrs business to write to ye Duan here abts & not yors to agree for 15 days when you tooke care also yor Lres should be 14 days in coming to us:

Secondly ye paymt of ye Piscash used in Mr Clavell's time to be in Novembr & Decembr and rarely so soon as October, and this wee can prove by generall papers now by us, & wee beleive old Cash book will doe the like, what necessity was there you should be so hasty to pay it in September by agreement too, & when you and ye Govr also saw the Phyrmaund released it:

Thirdly ye Govr you grant in said Letter of 13th Septr 1680, wrote to the Duan abt it, & in your favour likewise; certainly he will stay for an Answer ere he demands ye money, wt need for ye 15 days agreement:

Fourthly it appears further by our Consultation of 28th 7br 1680: yt our Vacquiel had obliged the Mutsuddyes to delay an Answer to ye Govrs said Lre: till our Phyrwanna was granted and passed ye Chaup:

Fifthly tho you made this unnecessary agreement to pay ye Rups.: 3000 in 15 days, and tooke care as wee have proved yt 14: of them should be spent ere wee had notice thereof, its evident by yor said Lre of 13th 7br 1680: you were not desirous that limit should be observed by us, for yor words are "wherefore would desire yt you hasten it, so yt it may not be delayed much beyond yt limit; here yourselves streatch & break yor owne limit and not wee, and tis well worth the Agent & Councells enquiry whether or no you make these Rups 3000 or any part of them paid out of Cash wthin or before ye Mo of September 1680: if you doe its undeniably certain you are desirous to pay the same & not forc't to it as you pretend, for if you agree to pay that Money in 15 days & pay it accordingly or before, and yet give us leave to exceed yt Limit in procureing a Phyrwanna wch will certainly excuse it, you consent to its payments & wee are not in any fault therefore, besides Mr Hervy well knows Mr Vincent had a great deal of trouble aboutt his perticular business from yt Govr Ally Nuc'ky by name, and if he could find ways to manage his Concerns wth ye Honble Compas Cash he would certainly not omitt such an oppertunity, wee cannot tell neither whether Mr Vincent may not fear the Honble Compa will question and enquire into ye reason of ye paymt of ye Rups 3000: therefore he endeavours to lay it upon us now:

But looking a little further into yor owne Lres: wee perceive an irreconciliable difference & contradiction about paymt of this Piscash. In yors of 13th of Sepr 1680: you say "Wee have engaged for an ansr "in 15 days, & therefore desire "you would not delay much beyond yt limit," and yet in your 24th Sepbr 1680: you say you had paid it, where are yor 15 days now, its not likely both these Lres can be true, either you did not agree for 15 days as in yor of 13th or else you did not pay the money as in yors 24th, let any reasonable man judge———, that the King's Duan's Phirwannas were dated ye 2d Octobr & 8th Octobr 1680: and ye Nabob's Phyrwanna ye 17th Janry following, & yet not sent till May 31st 1681: nor recd till June following is a matter of no import, but if it were, it could not be avoyded for these reasons:

All persons versed in Durbar matters know it is very usuall for ye Mutsuddyes to antedate papers, besides allowance is always made after writing for Chauping, & after chauping for registring, for the greedy Mutsuddyes delivering Phyrwannaes, & these gradations evermore suceed on the other, as this Duan day a paper is wrote, the next Duan day 'tis Chauped, some days after 'tis registred &ca: & faster then this its almost impossible to proceed, because of Custome herein, wch to these people is the strongest Law and argument of the Countrey, Let the Phyrwannas be dated when they will wee mind not that, but onely the time how soon wee can get them finished into our posession, one Phyrwanna wee recd 12th Octobr 1680: the other ye 25th and of both Coppies Chauped by ye Cozzee wee sent you, 26: ditto, so that yor business was done to a day by us, having Coppies authentick you have no stop whatever from the Mutsuddyes of Hugly, nor could you in this case above any other, because wee shewed the originalls to Cozzee Innaitoola at Dacca, and then proceeding Governr of Hugly, and also gave him Coppie thereof & further at his departure, the Ray recommended us & our business to his.———. By our Dyary of Octobr 12th and Lre of 26th Do 1680: that the originalls were kept was of necessity, till they had been shewed ye Ray and Nabob in order to procure his Phyrwanna wch was to be grounded on ye Duans, & all this appears by one Dyary & Lres wrote in Octobr 1680: by what proceeds you see within the mo of 8br wee sent you 2 Phyrwannas, one releasing costome, the other the yearly Piscash of Rups 3000: and in the letter of 9br 16th 1680: you own they both came to yor hands ye 4th of yt mo, this is a further confirmation of wt before hinted that had you stayd till the usuall time of paymt of ye Piscash you had been released it, by a Phyrwanna on ye Governr who for that reason could not have demanded it, but comparing some other Passages of ye said 16 Novembr 1680: wth yor formers of 13th & 24:7br and this your Article agst us, there is another considerable contradiction manifest, and that is this.

Your 4th Article (wch is that wee are now answering) says plainly: "that by "our delay of that Phyrwanna the Hugly Piscash of Rup: 3000: was paid that year, "in yors 13th 7br 1680: you say, the time of paying the yearly Piscash in Hugly is "come, and the Governr has been very troublesome for it, so that you have been "forc't to come to a certain agreemt wth him therein, he has written to ye Duan "for orders wt to doe in this concern, whither to take the said Present this year "or whither according to ye King's Phyrmaund he shall forbear, and you have "engaged for an Answer in 15 days," here' tis evident, you say you are come to an agreemt of 15 days forced thereto by ye Governr troubling you, not our negligence or delay for 'twas impossible to alleadge ye ye 13th 7br when wee had not been able to speake to ye Duan abt our business till the 9th ditto 4 dayes before ye date of yor said Letters; in yors of the 24th ditto 7br 1680 you say "the yearly "exacted Presents you have been forced to pay the Governr being by no means "perswadeable to forbear it &co:" by the way yor certain agreemt as you call it proves a very uncertain one, that is no agreet at all, for if you engage him to stay for an Answer 15 days and he will have the Money in 11: where is yor certain agreemt, but the Cheife thing to be noted is that hitherto you write of nothing but Rups 3000: & ye yearly present, and noe man from ys yor Article, or either of those yor Lres can imagine anything less is meant or intended, & in yors of 9th 16br 1680: you hope wee have done something effectually about "ye retreiving of ye Rups 1500: lately paid," If Rups 3000 were paid why should not Rups 3000: be sought to be retreived, or if Mr Hervy according to yor Article be the occasion of ye payment of Rs: 3000: in September 1680: its strange you should never tell him or the Agent and Company one sillable thereof till the Aprill 1682: in all this time he might have gone home, and have concluded wth the Honble Compa who then would have paid those Rups: 3000 or if he was in fault hereabouts, how comes it you gave him no* orders to retreive it, or doe you mean he ought to pay but halfe, and you yor selves would pay the other halfe, because of yor certain uncertain agreement, all those things argues abundance of kindness to Mr Hervy, and more then either you are used to, or he can expect, considering how faulty he was in letting Rups: 3000: be paid thro: negligence, or did you imagine the retreiving ye whole was impossible, and therefore you would order but halfe to be attempted, or did you then conclude if Rups: 1500: were retreived they should be on yor owne accot and Mr Hervy should & ought to pay the other Rs. 1500: this was a little unkind on ye other side, but if Mr Hervy mistakes not very much Rups 1500: of this Money were paid in March 16$\frac{79}{80}$: and so it will be found in yor accot Cash it may be. Upon the whole it appears yor Article agst him is utterly invalid, and yor selves are really Accomptable for ye payment of these Rs: 3000:

Now to return where wee were before ye 16: 9br put us out of ye way, wee told you wee kept ye Duan's Originall Phyrwannaes by them to procure the Nabob as yr Ray had promised us, for which pray see our Dyary July 24th 1680: now wee are to tell you why the Nabobs were so long in procuring. By our Diary the 25th & 27th 8br 1680: 'tis noted yt ye Nabob having——— seen ye Duan's Phyrwanna &c. and thereupon promised his. The Cheife here going to return ye Ray & Nobob thanks for this favour, was importuned by them for Brass & Iron Guns wch the Nabob was desirous to buy, and it is manifest by the Sequel, that had he been gratified therein, in all likelyhood wee should have had no such delayes abt this Phyrwanna as wee had, but tho this Dyary was soon after sent you to Hugly, and wee further advised you in ours of ye 3d & 25th 9br 1680: how importunate ye Nabob's people were for them, yet you refused to send them, unless you could be certain, first wt they should be sold for as by yor Lre of Feby 24th 168$\frac{0}{1}$: altho: you had before in yors of ye 16: 9br 1680 Said the Nabob might have wt he pleased of them, and promised possitively to send them in yors 4th Decembr 1680: our Vacquiel then still making wt excuses he could, seeing no Guns came, the Nabob's humour and fancy for the same began at last to cease, but yet the Ray put off wth delays abt: the Phyrwanna; by our Consultation of January 12th 168$\frac{0}{1}$: wee found by pressing ye matter to our Vacquiel that a present of rarities was expected for reasons there expressed, whereupon wee forthwith made ready ye same and Carryed it to ye Nabob, who was extreamly well pleased therewith, and the 25th of said Mo of January our Phyrwanna was Chauped, but the Nabob would not deliver it to ye Vacquiel, ordering the Cheife himsilfe to come for it wch he did February 3d following, theres remains onely now to shew why the Nabob's Phyrwanna was kept till May 31st 1681:

The Duan's Phyrwanna for ye release of ye Rupees 3000 being directed onely to the then Govr Cozzee Innaitoola, you desired 9br 16th 1680: that a more valid Genll one should be sought after reaching all Governr, in answer to which Lre 25th 9br 1680: wee wrote you that wee should endeavour to procure such an one tho the Duan had refused it when wee first attempted it for wch reason wee were forced to take wt wee could gett at the same time also wee advised yt the Duan was very sickly, sate not out publicquely, & therefore business went slowly on much time elapsing, and many fruitless vissitts being made by our Vacqueils to ye Duan's Durbar, he being not seen on dayes proper for business, & they having little hopes from his Mutsuddyes to procure such a Phyrmaund as the Cheife of Hugly expected, in reguard he had once denyed ye same. It was then suggessted by the Cheife here, that possibly continuall importunities for ye same and also shewing ye Nabob's Genll Phyrwanna to the Duan might at last induce him to the like, wherefore ye vacqueil was instructed & ordered accordingly, the Nabob's last Phyrwanna being detained for this intent, but as ye Duan's sickness or discontent was one hindrance, so now thro the exceeding unhealthyness of the season wee fell all very ill*, the Vacquiel complained often and the Cheife here 4th Aprill 1681: by a long and languishing fitt of sickness being made wholly incapable of attending any business committed the Managemt of ye Honble Compas affairs to ye 2d in Consultation; the 21st May 1681: it having pleased God to restore him some small measure of health, he again began to attend the Genll business, and ye 23d ditto wee understood also that the Duan was somewt better, wherefore the Vacqueil constantly solliciting y^{e} Durbar as the Cheife had formerly & lately directed, he at last procured his Gen^{ll} Phyrwanna for the release of y^{e} Rs: 3000: as the Cheife &$^{a}_{c}$: of Hugly had desired. Y^{e} 31st May 1681: wee sent away all the papers wee had, but this last Phyrwanna of the Duans was not yet in our hands, the 11th of June following, the Duan seeing our Vacqueil at the Nabob's Durbar spoke to him for some rarities w^{ch} y^{e} Cheife here presented him 13th ditto, & at the same time receaved his Phyrwanna w^{ch} being delivered, the Vacquiel to gett entered & it was brought us 29th D^{o} perfected, as also 2 coppies thereof Chauped by the Cozzee, & the same day Viz^{t} June 29th 1681: sent to y^{e} Cheife &$^{a}_{c}$: of Hugly, this is a true & conscise acco^{t} of this whole matter of the Rup^{s} 3000: that the Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} may receive the sattisfaction they ought to have from the Concerned:

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Article 5th.

That altho: y^{e} S^{d} Hervy has had freequent and often repeated orders to goe himselfe to the Principall Durbars of the Court of Dacca, a monthly allowance to those Serv^{ts} being ordered to be settled for that very reason, that his egress & regress might be the more facile without affronts from that sort of Cattle, perticularly tho: he was possitively enordered after the Cheife came from Dacca An^{o} 1678: wherein 2 m^{os} time he procured & gott out the Princes Nishaan when the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} were at their last gasp, wee say notwithstanding he was possitively enordered to goe to the Princes &$^{a}_{c}$: Durbars once in a week or ten dayes at farthest, he slighted the said order, hardly ever appearing there all the time the Prince continued in y^{t} Govern^{t} w^{ch} was for Severall months from the Cheifs leaving Dacca:

Answer.

The 4 Articles past M^{r} Hervy &$^{a}_{c}$: for passages of 1679 & 1680 in this 5th you goe back to 1678: whither will yo^{r} Worp: &$^{a}_{c}$: goe at last, certainly yo^{r} selves imagine our faults of late are few and insufficient to harme us else you would not looke so farr backwards for matter, or if those were faults why did you not accuse us then thereof; yo^{r} Worp: may happen to be an eminous antiquary by this search, and foretell that your former actions in Cassambazar & Hugly may be inquired into, God grant no worse, & that every man be obliged to answer for himselfe:

The substance of this 5th Article is that M^{r} Hervy did not goe often to the Prince's Durbar 1678: with the intermixtture of an unnecessary (and in certain arrogant) flourish how excellent a Physitian your Worp: was then in curing the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} priviledges in Bengall when they were at their last gasp:

The Monthly allowance or Moutade at Durbarrs is for the Vacquiel's Creditt and free admission, else why it commenced by the Vacquiel in the Prince's time in M^{r} Hervy's absence, and Moutade for this reason when once settled is ever paid, whither the Cheife be in Dacca or no; the Cheife had nothing to doe at the Prince's Durbarr why then should he goe often to create extraordinary Charges, our business in the Prince's time lay with the Mutsuddyes, Mooloock Chund & Hoggee Mamood, and to those Durbars he went often, and accomplisht with them all matters whatever you committed to him, if you can prove his not frequenting the Prince's Durbarr prejudiced any business (wee know it saved money) then you say something else, all this is little to the purpose, nor is it to be called a slighting yo^{r} orders but a prudent quallifying them, for tho: you order business to be done in the place, you certainly will not neither can you prescribe or direct a method for it, to one who has now 10 years been versed in those Durbarrs, if this be not soe, pray enquire, and hear w^{t} any old experienced Vacquiel may say to you:

Thus if you look over former year's Gen^{ll} papers you will see the business of the Durbarrs is alwayes left to us who best know the true wayes and method to effect it, and many of yo^{r} and M^{r} Clavell Letters to Subas, Duans, & Muttsuddyes have been kept and not delivered (wee evermore advising you of such accidents), the matters therein requested havng been either accomplishable, yet this cannot be called slighting yo^{r} orders:

That Mr Vincent cured the Compas Priviledges when at their last gasp can by no means be granted, nor will any bee of that beleife that shall read over our Diary for June 1678: and Mr Hervy is sensible the Honble Comittee took notice that the Prince's Nishaan was grounded on that foundation he had laid afore with the Duan as by said Diary appears:

But that his Worp: had a longing desire to see the Gay sight of an Hindoostan Prince and his Durbarr or Court is very apparent by his letter of June 22d 1678: having never in all his life seen such a Tomasha, and that he earnestly laboured to have the happiness of presenting the Prince himselfe in Person; nay when he says he fears his Nishaan will at best be but conditionall is plaine by said letter also, by conditionall is meant restrictive to his Jaggeer, wch is as much as to say in plaine English worth nothing, for unless the Honble Compas priviledges be generall and extend to all their business & Factoryes they are in effect no priviledges:

That his Worsps: coming to Dacca then was both unnecessary & occasion of a far greater expence then otherwise needed there's nothing truer, & our sd Diary for June 1678: affirmed it unnecessary then, and our letter of July 5th, 1678: in answer to his of June 22d speakes in these words "if therefore Mr "Vincent shall thinck fitt to accompany the Piscash himselfe, the creditt & "honour will undoubtedly be the greater, but if any accident should interpose "that he cannot, or if to avoyd greater charge he judge it unnecessary to come, "then ye Piscash is to be forwarded with all speed and necessary instructions "and orders. The Dutch Director did wisely therefore to forbear to come hither, and by their Cheife of Dacca their business was done costing them not full Rs: 10000: whereas Mr Vincent coming hither spent the Compa about 25000: as wee are given to understand by the accot in Hugly booke, but of this more bee said when oppertunity serves:

If the Honble Compas Priviledges were at their last gasp then when both King, Prince, and Duan befriended us they have certainly given up the Ghost now, to revive them now will be a greater peece of art then it was to cure them then but God grant all for the best:

Thus we have done wth ye 5th Article and shall now pass on to the 6th & 7th but they contain nothing but yor discourse of whoring and swearing &ca: pray hold us excused that wee observe not yor method but proceed to ye 8th, and so on wherein is matter of business, for 'tis but reasonable to us that the Honble Compas affairs should first be dispatcht before wee talk of whoring and Swearing:

Article 8th.

That from the 11th day of Xbr 1680: untill the lattr end of Aprill 1681: wee did not receive one generall paper, letter of advise, or otherwise from Dacca, and whereas Mr Hervy at last did pretend sickness for an excuse, it is sufficiently apparent that he was not very sick except in the Mo of Aprill, however the other Factors there were well and might have kept on their Diary & Correspondence hither:

Answer.

How can this be called in yor title Mr Hervy's charge when you accuse the other Factrs as well as him:

Concerning Mr Hervy's extream Sickness what has been already said our Diary for Aprill & Letters of May 22d & 31st are sufficient to convince any reasonable man of the truth therein affirmed, Mr Hervy knows how sick he was in Dacca better then yor Worp: that lived then in Hugly, but if you can thus prove a negative again wee know no man will undertake to dispute with or answer you:

That the Factrs did not keep on their Correspondence (tho: the Diary was never neglected but kept on) you have already had Jno Pownsett's answer for himselfe when you examined him hereabouts in Hugly July 1681: & yt was:

1. He had hopes of Mr Hervy's recovery:

2. For want of an Office wch is in every Factory, and ordered here likewise, but prohibited by you, the genll papers could not be found readily, being missed wth ye Chiefe perticulars, nor could he tell in that sick Condition where they are ever:

3. He desired your pardon for his offence (not being willing to multiply words) and he hoped to obtain it might not be difficult in reguard, not the least detriment happened thereby to the Honble Compa or any man else:

Article 9th.

That finding no course has been taken wth him for his breach of orders in his neglect of Correspondence and monthly sending us yt Factories Dyary, it appearing to us by Mr Pownsett's examination when last in Hugly before the Chiefe & Councell that those 5 Mos Dyaries from Decembr 1680: to Aprill 1681: were not composed in their due time, wee say finding things to sort thus well with him notwithstanding our complaining to ye Agent & Councell thereof, he has again commenced the same Practice, not having sent and directed to us any manner of genll paper since ye 13th Xbr last to this day:

Answer.

That no course has been taken soe as to remove ye Factors & Factory itselfe long before you had Matr for this Article was and is yor Worps great grief, you are still labouring the same with all your Subtilty and power, how often have you vowed it & proffer'd to lay wagers abt it also to ye laughter of all yt headed you:

What you made Jno Pownsett's Examination to be you would never permit him to know as was said before, & indeed it has always been the practice to conceal Genll papers from ye concerned, but he does affirm now as he did then those 5 Mos Dyaries were Composed as they ought to be, & he denyes yt he even said they were not Composed in their due time but rather in or abt ye same time, & if you have made his Examination speak otherwise, you have framed & entered it to yor owne likeing & not according to truth:

That you recd no manner of genll papers from us since 13 Xbr last to 8th Aprill is grossly false, and our Consultation of Aprill 21st 1681: proves it at large:

Article 10th.

That the said Hervy has neglected to get out Sevll Phyrwannaes wch wee enordered him ever since the Mo of August last to procure for the business of the Mint, the Governmt of Rahjamahal, the investment at Maulda &ca: especially the last wch wee understand he, the said Hervy, has rather endeavoured by underhand, clandestine, and undue practices to hinder & utterly overthrow then to put forward and free from ye present incumbrances; by his neglect in wch things & our want of Success in our business occasioned thereby, the Petty Govrs above Bengall perceiving wee have no remedy from Dacca will Certainly in a very little time be heartned (some being already) to stop all our business in there parts unless Bought of wth large Piscashes:

Answer.

Its hard to say whither this whole Paragraph be more absurd, false, or malitious, for wt more absurd then accuse us of ye neglect of those things wch to effect is impossible, what is more false then to charge us with matters that the whole course of our actions and genll papers clear us off, & wts more malitious then to contrive an accusation both absurd and false. The Phyrwanna for the Mint at Rahjamahal was so impossible for us to procure as ye very urgeing thereof by ye Dutch Vacquiel has for a time absolutely destroyed the business. In Dacca our Ingotts ly by, now for this sole reason no man can Coyne, & there is above Rups 30000: forced by the Duan from the owners out of the Mint, and so matters will remain till a fresh order comes from the Emperour, & that the present Duan be displaced, All wch our Dyaries for Febry, Aprill. & May 1682: make plaine:

The Phyrwanna on y^{e} Governm^{t} of Rahjamahal M^{r} Vincent himself has made impossible to be procured, for from the Complaint cheifely of Rajub Ally Gov^{r} of said place that y^{e} English give their Dustucks to Hindoos in great nombers and for vast quantities of goods, wee say from this Complaint cheifely & Boolchund's secondarily, did y^{e} Duan demonstrate the matter to the Nabob & King, & from it the King's order now come to take Custome of us 3½ : ℘ Cent., and tho : till these Complaints reached y^{e} Duan wee had hopes and promise of a Phyrwanna on said Rajub Ally, yet afterwards wee received an absolute deniall of all our requests as appears by our Dyary 17th and 19th 8^{br} 1681 : in so much as our Vacquiel durst not speake a word to the business of Rajub Ally. Coppie of y^{e} Duan's Phyrwanna to Rajub Ally & Boolchund whereby both their Complaints appear wee have seen, and they have been read & interpreted to us, but what need wee take of proofs to this matter, the present loss of our Priviledges, for future of our Phyrmaund, stop of Trade and Custom demanded are smarting proofs of w^{t} wee say :

With w^{t} true care, industry, & contrivances wee prosecuted the Maulda business let our Dyaries of August 6th Sep^{r} 15 : Oct^{br} 7th 17th & 19th 1681 & Feb : 5th and March 10th 168½ : and our Lre of 23^{d} 7b^{r} 1681 : wth other our Gen^{ll} papers well and throughly perused & consider'd Speak for us, & wee gladly appeal to the Agent &c^{a}: Councell & Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} who will ere long see those said papers whither by all it does not appear wee came up fully to yo^{r} orders, but went infinitely beyond yo^{r} directions taking many more probable wayes to effect yo^{r} desires then you either had, or possibly Knew how to paint out to us, are wee therefore accomptable for the Success the Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} & Agent &c^{a}: make not such measures :

But w^{ch} is worse, must wee be blackned by aspersions so odly couched & contrived as if wee deserved to be ruined for all our fidelity & pains because of the event; in the other matters you say wee were negligent but in this of Maulda you would endeavour to fix on us a devilish Sort of hatred and revenge to the Hon^{ble} Camp^{a} who imploy & Sustain us & of whome wee can never merritt what wee enjoy, nor speak honourably enough :

Pray let us review w^{t} you say.—Investments at Maulda—"which wee "understand he, the said Hervy has rather endeavoured by underhand, clandestine "and undue practices to hinder & utterly to overthrow then to put forward, "and free from y^{e} present Incumbrances", how many venemous & murdering Ingredients has yo^{r} Worp : put into this Granado and yet well looked on you, the said Worpll will find it wants fire to make it mischeivous & destructive :

What means the word, rather surely you intended no mittigation, had you not then better say down right endeavoured, &c^{a}: no this rather is onely a hole left for your Worp : to creepe out at, for doubtless you would bee loath to be put to the proofe thereof :

If our endeav^{r} & undue practices are underhand & clandestine, how then came you to understand y^{m}, why bustle you wth words, & come not to the proofe of them, if yo^{r} words were granted for proofs, Lord where were then?, Undoubtedly yo^{r} Worp : hath wrote home to England that Hervy was in all likelyhood in y^{t} damnable plot wth father Whitebread &c^{a} & that as some men report he still holds a Correspondence wth the Jesuitts for y^{e} utter overthrow & destruction of King, Kingdome & Religion &c^{a}:

But how poorely you came of at last, by his negligence in w^{ch} things & our want of Success in our business &c^{a}: now again 'tis come to negligence onely, that he must answer for w^{n} proved, but what have wee to doe wth yo^{r} want of success, must wee pay for that, at w^{t} rate pray :?

What if y^{e} Petty Gov^{rs}, yea & grand ones too, all over Bengall perceiving you have no remedy from Dacca will certainly in a very little time be heartned (some begining already) to stop all your business in these parts unless bought off wth large Piscashes, yo^{r} selfe or w^{ch} is better yo^{r} Worp : must buy a new Phyrmaund & new Phyrwanns speedily, & have a care of giving or selling Dustucks the next tyme :

But if a closer view be taken of this Maulda business it will be found y^{t} y^{e} great cry of incumbrances & stops on y^{e} Investments there, is either for nothing or a very inconsiderable matter w^{ch} yo^{r} selves alone & no other persons can discharge and remove at pleasure; thus Hernarain, the Canoongoo, his Factors told us, as in our Dyary of 30th 7^{br} 1681: Boolchund also speaks to this effect in our Dyary 10th March 168½: but Ray Nundelol most plainly & possitively as in our Dyary of Feby: 5th 168½: y^{t} wee ourselves are a hindrance to our business there, y^{e} fault is o^{r} owne and wee can reasonably blame none else:

If you will keep up to yo^{r} first method and usage of trade as y^{e} Dutch doe, you will meet wth no let, hindrance, or molestation, if you had but observed w^{t} y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} enordered you no trouble had ensued, the Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} order you to build a Factory in Maulda, & you build a Towne in Bateagopalpore, & call it Englerabaad, you are not hindred buying goods in Maulda but building a Towne in another Government:

Here it may be asked by those not so well acquainted wth this matter, why you were not contented to be at Maulda as at first, the reason's this, in Maulda there is a small duty called the Chaup w^{ch} may amo^{t} to ab^{t} 2 annas in ap^{ce} of cloth, now y^{e} designe of building in another Governm^{t} was to avoyd this petty duty, & possibly you might have succeeded herein (tho: wee know not whither y^{e} remedy would not have been worse then y^{e} disease) had you gone prudent, considerate & propper wayes, viz^{t} ere you had begun to build or made a Stirr with great Investm^{ts} adressed to y^{e} Ray & y^{e} Nabob &$^{a}_{c}$, and by a Piscash procured a Phyrwanna to erect a new Factory and Trade &$^{c}_{a}$ this had been a regular likely way, & not first to build, call yo^{r} Towne Englarabaad (y^{t} is a place peopled with English) make a noise & alarum wth a great Investm^{t} as if in a short time you would draw al y^{e} Countrey to you and dispeople Maulda itselfe, and then aske for Phyrwannas to warrant all this:

But it will seeme strange to some who may read this paper, if it be so y^{t} this small duty or cust^{o} of 2 annas on a p^{ce} of cloth &$^{a}_{c}$: be all the dispute, why then are you not content to pay it rather then make a great pother & hazzard yo^{r} Investm^{ts}, especially if they doe but know that you are forced to allow y^{e} like duty in 100 other places as Maulda, Santapore, Cogmorre, Hundial, Serepore Dumry &$^{a}_{c}$ and in Dacca itselfe, (tho: it is remitted now), the Chaup has been p^{d} w^{ch} duty in the Towns named, is an old unalterable appendent revenue to the Land let who will be Landlord. To such inquiries wee will discover the mystery and this it is:

When the late Agent Master was last in Bengall for divers sollid & weighty consideration not to be named now, 'twas concluded on, the whole Stock of y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} (except some small matter) should be managed by y^{e} Cheife of y^{e} Bay and his friends, then were the Investments y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} appointed at Dacca transferred to Maulda, & y^{t} there might be some collour & pretence for this translation for want of a better, it was argued & soon agreed on by those whose Interest so directed, that y^{e} Chaup (a most insufferable & pernitious thing), being paid in Dacca, for now was the design layd to remove Maulda Investm^{t} to the Colsa or King's rents, it would be much to the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} advantage to have their whole Investment of cloth at Maulda & none, or but a small matter in Dacca, and to confirm this & bring matters ab^{t} speciously there were other stratagems practised also too long & unfit to be noted here:

And the truth hereof is sufficiently confirmed by M^{r} Vincent himselfe to whome when wee wrote 24th May 1680: that “ having procured the Chaup to be
“ discharged w^{ch} was y^{e} reason alleadged for taking away y^{e} Investment from this
“ Factory, wee desired to know whither wee might again Invest &$^{a}_{c}$,”: the said
“ M^{r} Vincent &$^{a}_{c}$: answ^{d} y^{e} 2^{d} June 1680: in these words “ Wee having already
“ settled y^{e} Investments of all Bengall according to orders & by Consultation
“ cannot for this year receed therefrom, & if you can make it appear to y^{e} Agent
“ &$^{a}_{c}$: y^{t} y^{e} ordinary charges on an Investm^{t} made in Dacca will not exceed those
“ of one made in a Countrey towne, then doubtless y^{e} order left in this case by
“ him & Councell will be revoaked & those propostions you now make enordered to be accepted, & to them wee must referr you.” Here y^{e} business
“ is plainly owned:

Now if y^{e} Chaup in Maulda be suddenly and without molestation consented to, the aforesaid juggle comes out too soon, besides 'tis disreputable to y^{r} Design^{es} to build a Factory & be frustrated in y^{e} very designe it was built for, & there is a 3^{d} conveniency to bustle mightily about this pretended stops and losses and lay all on Mr Hervy, for who knows but the Agent &ca : & Honble Compas may beleive it & censure Mr Hervy (till he has answered for himselfe) and then there is one of the two rubbs out of ye way :

Article 11th.

That whereas this year 1681 : ye Honble Compa enorders ps 23,000 : of thin white cloth as Cossaes, Mulmuls &ca : to be provided at Maulda and Dacca, wee immediately on rect of ye said order to the formr because the late Agent & Councell had enordered ye whole Investmt of said cloth to be made there so that wee might with ye first of this year give orders for the rest to compleat ye quantity enordered to Dacca, intending God willing ye next year to enorder those goods in equal moityes to those two Factories, & having recd for answer from Maulda that they would send us 15000 ps : wee immediately sent abt Rs : 9000 of the Honble Compas Treasure to Dacca to be invested for the remaining 8000 : ps demanded. At this Mr Hervy was much disgusted and that he had not a Stock then sent him for the full moyety as in yt Factory Dyary & genll Lres abt ye end of last year appears, making a great cry & pother about it, notwithstanding all wch wee at length found ye 5th xbr last he had gotten no more then ps 3627 : ready in all, altho : in the very begining of ye year (besides ye Rs. 9000 : sent him in Augst last) there has been between Rs. 9 : and 10000 : made given him out on said goods by their last years bookes so yt of ye Rs. 9000 : sent him up, he had not gotten in so late as ye 5th of xbr last goods to the amo : of much above Rs. 2000 : the goods then sent us down importing no more then Rs : 27678 : 14 a : in all by wch means there seems to rest abt Rs. 60000 : on remains in Cash useless there (by reason of ye stop on that Factory) ever Since :

Answer.

You recd the Honble Compas Packet by the *Ann* ye 16th tho : you say 17th July 1681 :, in yors of ye 27th ditto to us & by their Lre dated Janry 5th 168$\frac{0}{1}$: giving you to understand they perceived yor drift (wch our answer to ye forgoing Article notes) of keeping there whole Stock in yor owne and friends' hands contrary both to ye Intrest, orders & intentions, they first premonish you not to meddle wth ye Investmt of Ballasore nor concerning Dacca wch you had in a mannr quite taken away, they give you ye most plaine & possitive orders yt words can express in Paragraph 6th thus:

> "Upon the same reasons we are not only for the continuance of our Fac-
> "tory at Dacca as well as Maulda, but likewise for buying in equall proportions
> "the same sort of goods there yearly as wee doe at Maulda, to which purpose
> "we enjoyne you not to faile of speedily sending to both those places equall
> "& suitable proportions of stock wch may answer our intentions, plainly before
> "expressed :"

Now if you had had the least regard of observing & answering the Honble Compas intentions, you would have sent us this Paragraph the next day at farthest wth power to make what provision wee possibly could of goods and take up money at Interest for the same till a supply of Stock could be Consigned us, then wee should have had four months time to consider in wch wee could (had you not also hindred us otherwise) have got ready 10,000 : ps cloth, & this you feared no doubt, wherefore you Contrary wise tooke all ye ways imaginable, (in wch there was any speciousness) to defeat the Honble Compa of their expectations and disgrace ye Factrs here, and yt you might for the present escape unperceived to ye Honble Compa you intended not doubt from ye begining as you have done now in this Article to charge us wth negligence & want of Investmts, ye hindrance whereof you alone laboured and contrived :

Yor subtil ways to prejudice ye Honble Compa in their want of goods hence were these :

First, you kept their Lre by you 11 days advising us thereof not till July 27th 1681 : wch wee received Augst 6th following :

Secondly, you delayed us then wth an unnecessary demand of wt goods wee could provide forbearing all this while yor ordrs for provission of anything :

Thirdly, you sent not yor orders till Augst 31st 1681 : & then by boats of Treasure too, that they might be long in coming to our hands, so that wt orders wee might well have recd 23d July came not to us till ye 15th 7br whereby wee had but halfe ye time left wch you might well have given us, had you minded ye Honble Compas benefitt & not prosecuted yor own humours, Intrest, & resolution:

Fourthly, you insinuated into a Merchant of this City by yor Agents & Spyes here and perswaded him who was even upon ye point of agreeing wth us for abt 4000: ps of Dacca cloth to bring the same down to Hugly to you ye last year promising him to buy them, and to make good this wee can prove you did receive ye said Merchts goods into your Factory in Hugly knowing them to be Dacca cloth, the goods were abt 35: or 40: bales housed in ye Honble Compas new Chappel, and the Merchant's name is Chabeldas:

Fifthly, you had divers years and have now yor Factors & Gomastehs in many places near Decca providing Cossaes &ca: for you perticularly at Cogmoorree, Ilumdiall, & Dumry, wch later place is but 6 hours way from this our Factory of Dacca, but from Hugly 7 days by land but 14: by water as you receave yor goods:

Now if these are practices yt agree wth the Honble Compas orders or intentions in their aforesaid Paragraphs or if they be for their advantage, let all men judge:

Sixthly your orders aforesaid recd not till the 15th 7br 1681: were imperfect & willfully defective, for tho: you knew wee had nothing but dollars and Ingotts from you wch would be long in Coyning, (for sell they will not in any quantity, but at time for Siccaes as wee sold them), yet you empower'd us not in any case to take up money at Interest so that had wee wrote to you for orders thereabt wch wee might well have justifyed or stayd till those Dollars were converted into Rups: and not borrowed as wee did knowing ye necessity thereof, the season would have been spent & ye Honble Compa wholly wanted ye greatest part of what wee sent them, all wch is more fully apprehended & made out by or Consultation of Augst 11th & 7br 19th 1681:

That wee could have provided 10000 ps: cloth had you advised & enordered us timely ye 17th July as you might & not have imposed on us as you did wee demonstrate thus:—

In 2 mos time wee got ready abt ps:	3000
besides 2000: ps more brought in 9br 1681: as ꝑ our Dyary ye 30th yt month wch for want of time to prize & make ready for the bale, were left behind last year (hereof you may note in ye delay of 2 mos imported :)	
in double yt time wee might well have procured more ps: . .	3000
And the merchant whose goods you gott to Hugly from us would have sold us ps:	4000
Ps. .	10000

and this agrees exactly wth wt wee proposed to you Augst 11th 1681: in our Consultation wch is well worth ye Agent &ca: perusall:

But upon a nearer Examination of this your Article from yor owne words & confession, wee shall make it appear yt notwithstanding ye forementioned plaine, full & possitive orders of ye Honble Compa you nevertheless did & resolve still to favour Maulda, & prejudice Dacca all you are able:

You say ye Honble Compa ye year 1681: enordered 23000 ps of cloth from Maulda, & Dacca, true and ye words of ye Honble Compa are "to wch purpose wee "enorder you not to faile of speedily sending to both those places equal and "suitable proportions of Stock wch may answer our Intentions before expressed," had you done this then you had done regularly, but you goe yor own way to work, for immediately on receipt of the said order of the Honble Compa you say you wrote away to Maulda, observe how exact & early you are to send to Maulda, all this while there goes not a sillable to Dacca, & what did you write, yor own words are to know wt quantity of ye said cloth they have provided there, certainly there was little need of this sort of writing, you might well know from their Dyaries & constant advises wt cloth they last provided:

But 'tis to be thought you wrote not to know wt they had provided but wt they could possibly provide & yt answr makes this out, for they doe not say they had provided, but they would send you 15000: ps: and if they had wrote you they would send 23000 p^{s} then y^{e} case is plaine Dacca had been unemployed notwithstanding w^{t} y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} are pleased to order nor can the Parenthesis, (because y^{e} late Agent & Councell had enordered y^{e} whole investm^{t} of said cloth to be made there, according to wee had given our orders), help you, for let y^{e} Agent &$^{a}_{c}$: order w^{t} they will you must of necessity know yo^{r} own orders from yo^{r} owne papers & also w^{t} Maulda had provided for theirs:

But when Maulda could possibly provide for no more then 15000: ps: then afterwards you write to Dacca for y^{e} rest, how Maulda is able to provide 15000: ps: wee have noted before, you send round ab^{t} y^{e} skirts of & into Dacca its selfe for yo^{r} goods vizt: y^{e} Merchants 4000: p^{s} & these you call Maulda goods w^{ch} indeed are the very manufacture of Dacca & its adjacencyes:

Having order'd thus 8000: p^{s} at Dacca, you say M^{r} Hervy was much disgusted & made a great cry & pother about it, M^{r} Hervy certainly & all of us had reason to fear yo^{r} snares having suffered by them once before, vizt: when you caused the late Agent Master to write home to y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} yt: their Slender Investm^{ts} at Dacca, was not the fault of y^{e} Cheife & Councell of the Bay but of their Factors there, but how false & undeserved y^{t} was wee made fully appear in our Lre of 9^{br} 13th 1680: w^{ch} Lre you stiffled & sent not home to y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} y^{t} year as you ought & y^{t} considerable Interest required:

See pa℘ N° 5.

But there was no cry nor pother made but often & earnest desires you would send the enordered Stock w^{ch} you promised in yo^{rs} of 9^{br} 1681: tho to this hour nothing has come, but on y^{e} other side you have drawn away y^{e} little Stock of money y^{t} we had (for yo^{r} perticular uses) so y^{t} y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} pay Interest now for the very expences of their Factory of w^{ch} wee have wrote you often, but you answer us not a word, so y^{t} whereas you say you intended God willing y^{e} next year to enorder y^{e} goods in equall moyeties to y^{e} 2: Factoryes it appears truly to be a pretence & perfect fallacy put upon y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} and their Servants, taking God's name in vayn to a thing you never intended:

And for a further agravation of this matter you say there were 9: or 10000: Rs: remaining at Dacca to which M^{r} Hervy answers y^{t} in delivering out money & recovering in remains he has had evermore the same of y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} he possibly could have in any of his own concerns, and this is easily beleived when he has told you w^{t} it may be but few Cheifs of Factoryes can say, that he has since his being here recovered many doubtfull & desperate Debts of y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} made before his time, but never since he has been Chiefe here, w^{ch} is now many years, has he contracted one doubtfull or bad debt to y^{e} am^{o} of Rups: 20: altho: in his own perticular he has been less successfull:

But what an absurd & false consultation you make from y^{e} premises [onely you qualify it with (their seems) w^{ch} is like yo^{r} rather wee take notice of before] y^{t} there rest ab^{t} Rup^{s} 60000: on remains in Cash, useless there ever since, certainly yo^{r} Worp: &$^{a}_{c}$: forgot y^{t} y^{e} Agent &$^{a}_{c}$: and Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} may read & examin there papers, how doe you make Aprill 8th 1682: Rups: 60000 to be in our Cash, you have our monthly acc^{o} & if you can detect willfull errors therein, wee deserve to suffer for them, but if you accuse us falsly, charge us wth a great Cash & y^{t} useless too when yo^{u} know wee have made appear to you wee are at Interest by yo^{r} fault for y^{e} Factory Expences, yo^{r} Worsp: ought to make us, but infallibly you must y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} sattisfaction:

And because it may seeme strange y^{t} wee often tax y^{e} falsity of yo^{r} accusations, wee will hear take occasion to review y^{rs} of 27th X^{br} 1681: to some part of w^{ch} never yet answer'd for want of a proper oppertunity, wherein there are so many forgeryes cram'd together as no men but the Cheife &$^{c}_{a}$: of Hugly would have put their hands to, soe y^{t} 'twill appear most of your papers to us are after the same rate.

First, you say that Jn^{o} Pownsett's deniall of what he so readily & wth so much deference & submission affirmed in Hugly as to M^{r} Hervy is strange, intimating y^{t} he had accused him to you of divers things, whereas wth great constancy and resolution he again affirms w^{t} wee once wrote you in our Consultation of 9^{br} 1681: in these words "M^{r} Pownsett answering protested "y^{t} he never had, neither could accuse M^{r} Hervy of either neglect or un- "faithfullness in y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} concern and y^{t} y^{e} Chief of Hugly

“ did him wrong if he charged him therewith; indeed he says very plainly “ at his first coming to Hugly when called thither that his Worp: “ was M^r Hervy's utter enemy, and y^t he would gladly have had any matter “ of blame or accusation to charge him wth all, that he used wth y^e said Pownsett, “ many indirect & irregular ways to induce him to accuse M^r Hervy as first, “ threatning him y^t if he tooke his Chief's part he would ruine himself, y^t he “ would bring him to his oath, send him to y^e Fort &$^{a}_{c}$: & lastly that if he “ Bought any goods at Hugly he would not give him a Dustuck for them, “ but y^t notwithstanding all this he had not charged his conscience with any “ lying or forged accusation, nor could he say M^r Hervy was a negligent or “ unfaithfull Servant to y^e Hon^{ble} Comp^a ”, & again in our L^{re} of November “ 24th 1681: in these words “ Jn^o Pownsett utterly denys” [and now gives it yo^u under his hand, w^{ch} pray take notice of) “ that he never accused M^r Hervy of either willfull negligence or unfaithfullness in the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} business,” nor can he accuse him of either to this day, but if y^e Cheife of Hugly will straine or fancy matters & conceal y^e same from y^e concerned, y^e vanity & designed evil thereof will hurt himselfe not M^r Hervy:

Then you say M^r Abernethy has severall times declared y^t he never knew, nor yet knows any thing of our proceedings concerning clearly y^e two Sloops at Chatgam, but writeing to M^r Abernethy thereab^{ts} & sending these words of yo^r L^{re} to him, he seemed amazed by his answer (w^{ch} is now in our Factory) wondring wee should believe such storyes of him and affirming he did not say any such words to M^r Vincent or any man else, but on the contrary acquainted him how y^e Rups: 3650 was disbursed perticularly:

See paper No. 4.

Again you say the Dutch by their Care and diligence have there Coynage at Rajahmahal cleer & to be carryed on in their usual way by a Phyrwanna from y^e Duan, whereas stop upon stop lys on our business in y^t place, w^{ch} words of yo^{rs} tho very ambiguously expressed, viz^t: their Coynage cleer & as if they were custome free, as you expected to be having order'd us to get a Mauff Phyrwanna, as Coynage was mauffed in Dacca, but y^e next Words are, and carryed on in their usuall way w^{ch} was paying Custome, yet notwithstanding this ambiguity neither wayes are these words true, for they got such a Phyrmaund onley w^{ch} wee refused because it answer'd not yo^r expectation & orders as appears by our Dyary of 8^{br} 20th 1681 & p^{mo} February 168$\frac{1}{2}$ and L^{re} of 29: 8B^r 1681: w^{ch} to pay 4^r 2^a ꝑ 100 when before they paid but 3^r 10^a so that neither was their Coynage cleer nor according to y^e usual way:

A Little after you say the Mint, Rajamal & Maulda Phyrwannaes you are well sattisfyed might long since have been procured & sent you, let any man living judge whether from w^t wee have said any of those 3 Phyrmaundes were procureable by you, but if you are well sattisfyed they might, why doe not you demonstrate and prove the same that other also may have y^e same sattisfaction, & why doe you say in next lines of s^d Letter time will demonstrate where the fault lies, if you are well sattisfyed you have reason soe to bee, & if so w^t need you referr to time to show where y^e fault lies:

And in y^e close of yo^r Letter you say concerning y^e stop on our business then feared, you shall endeavour to make such warme applications to Ausud Cawn, the Vissier that may ward the Stroake &$^{a}_{c}$:

But where have been yo^r endeavours or warm application? how have you warded the Stroake within these 7: months past & that the Europe Ship are first on y^e nick of their arrivall, it rather seems by the sequel y^t you believed not our advices then viz^t X^{br} 5th 1681 but if the present stop on all our business in Bengall be not suddenly removed the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Interest will suffer Irreparably by first yo^r imprudent and inconsiderateness in forfeiture of their priviledges & then so long neglect since in redeeming them:

Having now done wth yo^r 11th Article wee must returne to those 2: others w^{ch} were omitted and here again wee desire yo^r pardon for trangressing yo^r method, for the 7th being a gen^{ll} shall preceed the 6th w^{ch} is a perticular accusation:

Article 7th:

That swearing, taking God's name in vain, and Prophanation of ye Lord's day that day being hardly known by those Factors as was said there except it be sometimes by doeing more work then ordinary therein &ca: Debaucheries, are ye practice of Dacca Factory as was testified by sevll Englishmen very lately converst among them & that Mr Hervy declared himselfe a mortall or utter Enemy to ye Cheife (in that or some such way of expression) abusing & reviling him openly & publickly in ye worst tearms he could invent, the penalty of wch ye Honble Compa themselves have appoynted in their Gena Lre to ye Agent &ca Councell at Fort St. George dated 3d Decembr 1679 & in ye 17th: section thereof:

Answer.

To prove yt wee doe not swear & take God's name in vaine is to undertake a negative, an easy matter for yor Worp &ca: but impossible for us, the onely proofe wee have is silence and opening not our mouths, next to a ready & willing submission and appeal to the Character of any men of equal credit & reputation who have or shall converse wth us shall give, and this wee humbly referr to ye Agent & Councell:

Prophanation of the Lord's day &ca: Debaucheryes are ye Practice of Dacca Factory; Prophanation————being hardly known by those Factories as wee said (mind pray or was said) these words are in some kind to ye rather & there seems gone before, & make the matter a little dubious except it be sometimes (pray again note is not always) by doeing more work then ordinary thereon:,

The whole bent of yor articles answered is for negligence & Idleness here you grant wee doe work for doing more work yn ordinary sometimes on ye Lord's day is yor accusation, you say wee hardly knew the Lord's day, how then should wee doe more work thereon, unless it be by accident:

'Tis true wee have neither Bell, nor Chappell, Minister nor Congregation, if wee had wee would ring ye first & attend divine Service in the Second & not make a Warehouse of ye house devoted to God's Service as you did for Chabeledas, the Dacca Merchts goods:

Wee grant we doe not know ye Lord's day by extraordinary Gay clothing in ye: morning, nor revelling and drinking on ye top of ye house in ye Evening besides we want ye most infallible & unerring sight of all, vizt an infamous litter of Dooleys &ca marching after a long traine of Peons & a squire in ye head of them mounted to ye Popish Church or Bandell as if Sancho were conveying ye Lady Dulcinea &ca:

But certainly Srs wt ever you are pleased in anger to say of us wee doe know ye Lord's day by other more Christian marks, and where we come short of our————. Prayers and divine Worp: are not onely the Honble Compas orders but every Christian's duty & obligation, yet ye formallity thereof without agreeable practices will avail little, many are of opinion yor 7 years prayers will never attone wth the Honble Compa for yor destroying their Phyrmaund & late dispatch of their ships, both wch upon an extraordinary enquiry will be found to have grown from ye same root, vizt yor excessive Coveteousness &ca:

Who these sevll Englishmen very lately conversant among us, that will testifye these things wee know not, it will be good you produce ye testimony, wee remember but Mr Jordan & Abernethy lately conversant wth us, & one of those 2: Englishmen, (if these you mean) is a Scotchman, but he will not confirme wt you say otherwise then he did yor story of ye Sloops at Chatgam before spoken to, indeed yon cannot endure any should speak well of us, for lately the Worpll Matthias Vincent caused a poore Englishman in Cassambazar to be beaten sorely because he said wee had been civil to him in Dacca:

Yor &ca: debaucheryes, when you perticularize wee will acquit ourselves thereof also:

And that Hervy declared himselfe a mortall or utter enemy to ye Cheife, wee suppose you mistake us the Cheife declared himselfe a mortall enemy to Hervy:

Let who will say it we assure you wee are not utter enemyes to any man Living, but much less mortall, God forbid wee should have so little Christianity, discretion or kindness for ourselves:

What Signes of mortall enemity have you ever seen, heard, or feared from us, have any of us ever been tampering wth your Cook or Dyett, or can you suspect us for mixing yo^{r} broth when at any time you tooke Physick—— abusing and revileing him openly & publickly in y^{e} worst terms he could invent, the penalty of w^{ch} &$^{a}_{c}$:

These are hot words onely M^{r} Hervy denyes all this, but if you can prove wrong in word or deed, take sattisfaction of him wthout more adoe:

That M^{r} Vincent has undeservedly defamed & scandalized M^{r} Hervy is notoriously known and to be proved, calling him base villaine, impious fellow, threatning to have his Ears &$^{a}_{c}$:

Pray yo^{r} Worp w^{t} reason for all this, had M^{r} Hervy ever for a little of his perticular, sordid, base proffitt wrought the Hon^{ble} unspeakable damages, then he would owne himselfe base & villanous in y^{e} superlative Degree, had he ever oppressed the poor, wronged the dead or Orphans, practiced y^{e} debauching of other men's Wives, or been incestuous wth his poore KinsWoemen, then indeed he deserved to bee called impious & looseing not onely his Ears, but Eyes too, where they worth looseing; but if M^{r} Hervy has done any of these things nor said worse of the Worsp̄: Matt^{as} Vincent then in his Publick papers he has done but his to his Hon^{d} Masters, & therefore fears neither yo^{r} base Language nor threats nor does the 17th Section of X^{br} touch him or any of us:

There is now remaining y^{e} 6th Article w^{ch} concerns M^{r} Hervy alone, who protests to you he is extreamly troubled that its————rayling at last whilst the Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} concerns in dispute, wee remained Merchants, but what will the world say of us for spoyling paper &$^{a}_{c}$: w^{ch} is none of our owne neither with Ruffian's discourse, M^{r} Hervy has so much charity for y^{e} Cheife of Hugly that he heartily wishes for his own sake he had forborn this 6th Article, but least his silence thereto should be thought an owning y^{e} guilt charged on him, he is forced tho: much against his Inclination to proceed:

Article 6th.

That he the said Hervy most shamefully keeps Whores in a house hard by y^{e} Factory, often sending of them in, not privately but openly and avowedly, as was asserted by some Englishmen lately came from thence, some of which affirmed that they heard that y^{e} said Hervy has among his house of whores one Mahometan Woeman spared him by Coddabux Cawn, or Mirza Muddufer w^{ch} if so we doubt not onely be the destruction of him, but also of Comp^{as} affairs and estate that may be in his hands, when the thing may be ripe and come to be looked into:

Answer.

This article is the very quintesense of malice, w^{t} needed so many foul mouthed words, certainly your Worsp might have told yo^{r} tale in smoother modester, and cleanlier language, but that you love to express yo^{r} meaning in such things to the life as the Poets of old did storms &$^{a}_{c}$:

Again yo^{r} Worp had brought in this in the rear & said this Elevently and lastly, this Hervy is said by some to be incontinent, altho he be a single man, wee have not heard indeed that he has ravished————daughter, or enticed his Wife————the common sluts of y^{e} Countrey, or frequents bad houses, nor does keep woeman in the Factory, yet some say that they have heard he has a Wench in a corner sometimes, nor can he carry it so closely by that 'tis discoursed, now if this Wench should be a strange 'tis not good, unless he intends to marry her, and then al's well again, but if a Gentue worse, but if a Mohometon very dangerous, for tho wee have sometimes Mohometan Girles among our slaves, and that some Englishmen have marryed Mohometan Woemen and no notice taken thereof, yet the case of Hervy, if Mirza Muddufer or Coddabux Cawn are in, it is very dangerous and may become his owne destruction, (but that we don't matter) however in regard 'tis thus reported, it can be no wayes safe for him to be trusted wth the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} affairs, for it was never known that any Factor or Writer whatever did or was said to doe the like, but if any were but thought to bee intemperate towards Woemen, beit more or less they were always dismissed (and soe it ought to be) their Employment, had yo^{r} Worp &$^{a}_{c}$: articuled thus, then I would have answered in this manner :

I beseech yo^{r} Worp &$^{a}_{c}$: not to give too much credit to reports, nor make these things matter of accusation for should I begin to write all is reported of yo^{r} Worp &$^{a}_{c}$: I should not have done these 12 : M$^{os.}$ if you support my incontinence, yet rake not too deepe thereinto, so long as I am tender of my Creditt and doe nothing foule and scandalous, remember what prankf yo^{r} Worsp^{ll} &$^{a}_{c}$: has played, first or last and that yet you are all flesh and blood like meaner Mortalls :

If your Worp &$^{a}_{c}$: will perticularly point out and direct me to mend my Life and teach me from your owne examples to live Chastly, I will be exceeding greatefull & endeavour to be better, for I am very loth having walked cautiously hitherto, to be noted for a man singularly effeminate at last, or after 10: years be dismissed the Comp^{as} Service for suspicion of this nature :

But now let us see how yo^{r} Worsp manner of wording the case has altered it: That the said Hervy keeps Whores &$^{a}_{c}$: how long has yo^{r} Worp been an enemy to whoreing? surely it did not appear you were when in the Factory of Ballasore you debauched M^{r}* Hervy to the sight of severall Dulfree Wenches, stripped naked before you, triumphing in that luscious spectacle and as a reward of that complaysaince, drinking a Glass of Canary wth some Rupees in it, (if he mistakes not six) to the best beloved of that Comp$^{a.}$ or as your Worp bitter thoug^{hts} of whoreing ever since you were last at the point of sand?

Shamelessly—made out by notable circumstances, viz^{t} in a house hard by the Factory, had it been a house hard by the Factory it had been nothing but modest, for some of us in Hugly doe the same, tho wee ever take care to have specious pretences, therefore, as that the Wenchees be nurses or attend^{ts} to our Wife, Children &$^{a}_{c}$: or marryed to our slave Boyes and out of Charity kept to sweepe our Roomes, make our Beds, boyle & get ready our Thea &$^{a}_{c}$: and if Hervy did this we could have nothing to say to him:

Often sending for them in—if he sent for them but now and then 'twere not so bad, but sending for them in can never be so good or privite as our aforesaid way at Hugly is, this keeping them in a house abroad & sending for them in is a open & avowed way, & therefore not to be endured by civill and discreet men:

But mark how the matter is proved as was asserted by some Englishmen lately came from thence, some of w^{ch} affirmed that they heard &$^{a}_{c}$—that is to say yo^{r} Worp &$^{a}_{c}$: have heard some men say that they have heard other men say, or yo^{r} Worp hath seen those that have seen the King—this is a notable proofe of the fact and every whitt as good as it is that you are sattisfyed of such and such things:

But now put the case the some Englishmen should be no Englishmen, and that those other men are not to be found, why then you are mistaken and the matters at an end :

He the said Hervy has amongst his house of whores—wee'l pay him of for his house, had he not better have a bed-maker, or a Thea Boyler in the Factory, now let him suffer and learne witt the next time :

One Mahometan Woemen spared him by Coddabux Cawn or Mirza Mudduffer, w^{ch} if soe,—if soe is well and wisely put in, it seems yo^{r} Worp will not affirme it, certainly, and tis well you dont, if you did and Coddabux Cawn and Mirza Mudduffer heard thereof they would perhaps speak wth yo^{r} Worp : about it, for a Mahometan to give a Christian one of his Woemen is as Scandalous among them as for an Englishmen to give his daughter to a Mahometan——:

Wee doubt may not onely bee the destruction of him—Pray yo^{r} Worp let me alone with my own destruction, had I a mind or went ways to destroy myselfe, you would certainly be glad and not disturb me, but by this it appears you doubt much w^{t} you say yo^{r} selfe, and that I wont distroy myselfe I hope I shall not:

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* So in the original.

Butt also of the Comp^{as} affairs and estate that may be in his hands,—there comes the business out, right or wrong, out of the Comp^{as} Service wth this for if wee don't w^{ch} way shall Dacca cloth pass for Maulda:

When the thing may be ripe and come to be looked into—This I suppose may have some obscene, beastly meaning, & therefore 'tis better be passed over:

But yo^{r} Worp is clearly out of the whole story and therefore wth yo^{r} Pardon, I'll help——you a little, the matters this:

M^{r} Hervy has a house or cottage near the Factory for his slaves wherein he has more shame then those at Hugly, who take up so good a share of y^{r} Factory for a dirty Rable of black fellows, Wenchees children &$^{a}_{c}$ that the best apartmint; of that great building looks more then Dog and Bitch yard then what it should doe; and in this house or Cottage the slaves are there and no more, a man about 50: years of age and his 4 Sons————about 40: & his mother ab^{t} 70: now these———M^{r} Hervy know———bee whore but how yo^{r} Worp: should come to know——to be soe is strange, yet since you say they are so 'tis not to be doubted, but what's that to M^{r} Hervy, will yo^{r} Worp engage for the honesty of any one of all your multitude:

What noteable Englishmen were those that told yo^{r} Worp &$^{a}_{c}$:, al this they made excellent observation, for the 2d & 3d hereafter divers years cannot affirm the like, viz: that M^{r} Hervy has a house of whores: sends for them in often not privately but openly & avowedly; but on the contrary wee doe advise yo^{r} Worp &$^{a}_{c}$: & whosoever may read these papers that our discourse is proffitable, our table moderate, our deport^{mt} each to other civil & oblidging, our hours regular and our whole conversation such as cannot be reproached by any Factory whatever that any of us have seen:

Thus wee have done answering yo^{r} Worp charge, if yo^{r} Worp &$^{a}_{c}$: shall thinck fitt to make remarkes thereon please to send them to us and they also shall be answered:

But wee hope wee may come to an agreement for at this, for wee have hatred or malice to no man, w^{t} wee have done wee have done for the best and hope it may prove according:

Loveing Friends,

JAMES HERVY.

JN^{O} POWNSETT.

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OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCILL AT FORT S^t GEORGE—

Copy of o^r former to the Bay relating to future regulation of y^e Factories.

With this you have Copy of our former by y^e *Resolution* this we send open in our Pacquett for y^e Bay, because we hope it may meet our Presid^t there, whom we doe hereby desire to send this forward to you, wth some Paragraphs of our Bay letter, relating to y^e future Regulation of our Factories w^{ch} tho intended principally for y^e Reformation of those in y^e Bay, may not be impertinent for you to know. And if you thinke convenient to put in practice wth respect to some of y^e Factories more immediately subordinate to y^e Fort, y^t performed very ill wth us last year of w^{ch} you have been often advised.

Presid^t and Councill will advise what Tonage to Load upon Ships designed for you.

2. Our President and Councill in y^e Bay will with this advise you w^t Tonage you are to load upon y^e Ships hee intends to send up to you, and of everything else he conceives necessary for our service soe y^t untill we hear from you, we have no cause of enlargem^t.

Reason of the great frost, the 3 remaining Ships sent directly to y^e Bay.

3. The wonderfull great frost we have had in England y^t kept our Ships thus long in y^e Ice in this River and put us upon y^e necessity of ordering all y^e 3 remaining Ships directly for y^e Bay. From whence you are to expect y^e Medicam^{ts} and other necessaries wee have shipt for y^e Fort on board y^e *Defence*, and we have reason to doubt these N. E. winds w^{ch} have held during this long and great frost may keepe out our East India Ships and many other Ships now bound into y^e Chanell.

Send to S^t Hellena so many slaves as Presid^t shall direct you from y^e Bay.

W^t sort of slaves to send and what provisions.

4. Wee would have you send by every Ship to S^t Helena soe many slaves as our Presid^t shall direct you from y^e Bay, some Males and Females, as you can meet with them cheap, and send in every of the ships soe much Rice and no more than you thinke may prove sufficient for their passage, Order our Capt^s to deliver y^e overplus (if there be any) to our Govern^r and Councill of S^t Helena, It will be of advantage to us if you can procure some of y^e Males to be Carpenters, Smiths or Potters, or of any other manuall trade tho we pay double price for them. And it would be very convenient if some of them could speak a litle English, or if not y^t Portugueze.

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Yo^r loving friends,

JOHN BANKS GOV^R.

JEREMY SAMBROOKE DEP^T.

JOS^A CHILD.

THOMAS DAVALL.

JAMES EDWARDS.

THOMAS COOKE.

PETER DANIEL.

W^M JARRETT.

C. BANKS.

FRAN. TYSSEN.

JAM. WARD.

JOSEPH HERNE.

London, 11th March $168\frac{4}{5}$.

Our President and Council at Fort S^{r} George—

Intend to have a superabundant quantity of Surrat goods by us.

think it an acceptable service if can Inlarge Bay Investments.

Wee have but little to add to what wee writt ℘ y^{e} *George* but to tell you y^{t} we have and shall continue to have a Superaboundant quantity of Surratt and Coast goods by us altho by reason of y^{e} ill managem^{t} of our affairs last year in Bengall, wee have a present want of those sort of Bay goods mention^{d} in our last List, and therefore we enjoyn you to use your utmost endeavours to have all our Factories in y^{e} Bay very well supply^{d} wth Stock, and those investm^{ts} enlarg^{d} especially in y^{e} right kind of raw Silke, and we shall thinke it an acceptable service to us if you can enlarge y^{e} Bay investm^{ts}, though at present you something lessen yo^{r} owne from y^{e} Coast and Gingee Country, especially if you have been soe fortunate by y^{e} trade of yo^{r} private Ships as to stock yo^{r}selves well wth Pepper and China goods w^{ch} will not only serve to fill up o^{r} tonnage, but if well bought by you there, will turn us to a better acco^{t} then Coast goods untill this glutt be off our hands.

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Yo^{r} loving Friends,

W^{M} SEDWICK.	JOS^{A} CHILD DEP$^{T.}$
EDW^{D} RUDGE.	W^{M} GOULSTON.
RICH: HUTCHINSON.	THOMAS CANHAM.
THOMAS COOKE.	JAMES EDWARDS.
JEREMY SAMBROOKE.	EDW^{D} BOUVERIE.
PETER DANIEL.	HENRY JOHNSON.
	THOMAS DAVALL.

London, 12th August 1685.

Our Agent and Councill at Hughly.

Our President and Council at the Fort will advise you of the late arrivall of our five Ships *viz^{t} Charles the 2^{d}*, *Nathaniell* and *Asia* from Surratt y^{e} *Beaufort* & *Rochester* from the Fort for w^{ch} God be praised.

goods in y^{e} Henry and Will^{m} shamefully sorted.

We have not yett opened y^{e} goods by y^{e} *Henry and William*, but all your goods in the *Fleece* and other Ships before her were shamefully sorted to our irreparable damage.

Receipt of copies of Letters to y^{e} Fort by Rochester.

shamef^{ly} submitting to unreasonable affronts.

We have now by y^{e} *Beaufort*, *Rochester* y^{e} copy of yo^{r} letters to y^{e} Fort of that came thither after the returne of President Gyfford to his Station there, by w^{ch} we see how intollerably you are abused every day worse and worse, by the avaricious Governm^{t} of that Country, and how sheepish you are in submitting to such unreasonable and unjust affronts, and after serious perusall of yo^{r} consultations (tho we must confess in the generall) we know not whether you have done well or ill in forbearing to make an absolute breach because its impossible for men to Judge of Futurities, yet we cannot but admire at yo^{r} niceness and scrupulosity to leave that place in Debt as if you never intended to returne and be resetled lies in your power as a matter that more eminently concernes the Honour of our Soveraigne and his Kingdome than any advantage than can accrue thereby to y^{e} Comp^{a} during our lives save the Hon^{r} of preventing the Dutch from theire great designes of expelling the English Nation from the Trade of India.

Cap^{t} Nicholson Vice Adm^{ll} and 4th in Coun^{ll} during his stay at Fort or in Bengall.

Cap^{t} Nicholson by reason of his prudence & great experience in Bengall, we have appointed Vice Admirall for this expedition and accordingly we appoint him to be of our Councill during his stay at y^{e} Fort or in Bengall and to take place next after y^{e} 3^{d} of either of our S^{d} Councills.

To dispatch this Fleete in 6 or 8 days after arrivall.

It is of great concernm^{t} that you should imediately dispatch our S^{d} Admir^{ll} and Cap^{t} Mason his Rere Admirall wth all the Ships, Frigotts and Soldiers y^{t} appertaine to this Fleete, wthin 6 or 8 days at farthest after theire arriveall at Fort S^{t} George and that some of yo^{r}selves do see, that each of them carry downe as much water in theire Ships and Vessells as they can conveniently stow.

Send downe small vessells and sloopes two Comp^{as} of foot sold^{rs}.

Send downe wth them all the Comp^{as} sloopes and small vessells, and two at least of our old Companies of English Foot Soldiers, and Drums and Colours to make 3 or 4 Comp^{as} of Foot Soldiers more out of our Seamen (if there be occasion) to land out of our Ships, that wth your two Comp^{as} of old English three Comp^{as} that we send by these Ships four Comp^{as} of Seamen and one Comp^{a} intire of Portuguez and Mesteeses, w^{ch} we would likewise have send out of our Towne of Madrass, our whole force to land may consist of a Compleat Regim^{t} of ten Companies and of 100 men in each Comp^{a} besides officers.

Such who are sick at arrivall take on shore in y^{e} Hospitall.

Such of our Soldiers that goe from hence and shall be sicke upon theire arrivall wth you, you may take on shore at our Fort in our Hospitall for recovery of their health and put others in theire stead.

be assured of Portuguez you imploy in this expedition.

Lett y^{e} Meestees and Portuguez you imploy in this expedition be such of whose Fidelity you have experience, or such as you have obliged by former imploym^{ts} or kindnesses.

govern them by Martiall Law. –

For the better discipline of our Officers and Soldiers you must Govern them by Martiall Law, and we hope with this likewise to send you his present Maj^{tys} Charter for exercising Martiall Law in all our ships in time of Warr.

an Order of Court for Comand^{rs} and owners of shiping.

And for the encouragem^{t} of y^{e} Comand^{r} and owners of our shiping we send you herewth an order of Court, made for that purpose when our Fleete was designed out for y^{e} recovery of Bantam, w^{ch} we declare shall stand good and available to all owners of any ships that shall be imploy'^{d} in this expedition.

If you shall finde that such a number of men as we have appointed to goe for Bengall should too much pester them, we would have you imploy, resetle there again whereas we apprehend as Mr. Charnock wisely said that nothing would do more to yo^{r} resetlem^{t} after a breach than the importunity and interest of y^{e} creditors, w^{ch} is enough to write you upon this subject by an overland conveyance we shall be more particular by our shiping.

to Lett Gen^{ll} of Surratt know how you are used.

We would have you by every conveyance to write to o^{r} Genn^{ll} and Councell at Surratt, letting him know yo^{r} circumstances, how you are used and what trouble and charge you are putt to, who you imploy as Vakeel at Court, and what returns you have from him, so comitting you and our affairs to y^{e} guidance and protection of the Almighty.

We remaine.

Yo^{r} loving Friends,

CHRISTOPHER BOONE.
BERY^{L} BATHRUST.
THOMAS RAWLINGSON.
GEORGE BOUN.
JOHN GOODEVE.
WILL: SEDWICKE.
RICHARD HUTCHINSON.

JOSEPH ASHE GOVERN^{r}.
JOSIA CHILD.
WORCESTER.
HENRY JOHNSON.
WILLIAM JARRETT.
JEREMY SAMBROOKE.
JOHN LETHIEULLIER.

London, 14th January 1685.

Our President and Council at Fort St George.

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if wars in bay to provide goods nearest unto Bay goods.

You will know certainly before we can here, whether our Bay Trade will be Interrupted this yeare or not, and if you finde it be, you must in your providing goods for us runn especially upon those sorts of goods, wch in kind and use come nearest to those sorts that we have usually had from ye Bay, or to such of them as you can come nearest unto (Our President knows the sorts in both places) wch we have had some respect to in drawing this list.

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G. I. C. P. O.—No. 598 F. D.—23-1-92.—500

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The Governo^{r} and Comp^{a} of Merch^{ts} of London tradeing into the East Indies; To all to whome those presents shall come greeting; Whereas by our Commission under our larger Seale, bareing date y^{re} ffourteenth day of November, Anno Domnie 1681, and in the three and thirtieth year of y^{e} reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles y^{e} Second, by the Grace of God, King of England Scotland Ffrance and Ireland, Defender of y^{e} ffaith &$^{a}_{c}$. Wee did make, constitue, and ordaine W^{m} Hodges of London Esq^{r} to be Agent and Governour of and for all our affairs in the Bay of Bengala in the East Indies att' Hughly, Ballasore, Cassumbuzar, Moulda, Decca, Pattana, and of all and singular other our ffactories and Jurisdictions in the Bay of Bengala wthout any Subordination to our Agent and Councell att Fort S^{t} Goorge. By w^{ch} Commission (amongst other things) y^{e} s^{d} W^{m} Hodges was to enter upon the s^{d} Agency and Government immediately on his arrivall at Hughly aforesaid, and to execute all y^{e} Powers and authorities thereunto appertaineing, and to continue in the exercise of the same dureing our Pleasure, and untill y^{e} contrary thereof should be signified under y^{e} seal of our s^{d} Comp^{a}; But it haveing since appeared to us y^{t} y^{e} s^{d} W^{m} Hodges, contrary to our trust reposed in him as afores^{d}, was privie or consenting to y^{e} opening or detaineing M^{r} Beard's letter unto S^{r} Josia Child our then Governour, and hath otherwise failed in his duty towards us, Wee doe therefore hereby utterly repeale and revoke, annull and make voyd our afores^{d} Commission unto the s^{d} W^{m} Hodges, and all and every the Powers and authorities, priviledges, or immunities thereby granted to him y^{e} s^{d} W^{m} Hodges, And wee doe hereby further declare and o^{r} will and pleasure y^{t} y^{e} s^{d} W^{m} Hodges from and after the arrivall of this our Commission in the East Indies, and Publication thereof, shall have noe further concernes, sufferage, or authority in y^{e} mannagement, disposall, Governm^{t}, or direction of any of our affaires in the Bay of Bengala or elce where in the East Indies, And Wee y^{e} s^{d} Governo^{r} and Company haveing great experience of the abillity and ffidellity of W^{m} Gyfford Esq^{r}, our late Agent and Governo^{r} of Fort S^{t} George and Madrasspatam in the East Indies, Do hereby make constitute and ordaine him, the s^{d} William Gyfford, or in case of death, or absence of y^{e} s^{d} W^{m} Gyfford, M^{r} John Bigrig, now Second of our Councell of Fort S^{t} George, to be our Agent and Governour of and for all our affaires in the Bay of Bengala afores^{d}, in y^{e} roome and stead of y^{e} s^{d} W^{m} Hodges hereby removed from y^{t} trust as afores^{d}, and to hold and exercise y^{e} same wth all the Powers and authorities belonging to that place together wth his present imploym^{t} of Agent and Governour of ffort S^{t} George, Madrasspatam, and of all our ffactories on the Coast of Choromandell and Porto Novo, Coinmeer, and all other our ffactories in the Chinge Country, w^{ch} he, y^{e} s^{d} W^{m} Gyfford, or in his absence John Bigrig afores^{d}, is to governe and direct wth y^{e} advice of our Councell of Fort S^{t} George, and dureing our pleasure by the stile or title of President and Governour of all y^{e} English East India Comp^{as} affaires upon y^{e} Coast of Choromandell and in the Bay of Bengala, and to y^{e} s^{d} W^{m} Gyfford, or in his absence John Bigrig afores^{d}, may be the better enabled to order and manage all our affaires in y^{e} Bay of Bengala while he is present there, as well as when he shall return to our Fort S^{t} George. Wee doe by these presents constitute and appoynt M^{r} John Beard to be first and next of our Councell of Hughly after our afores^{d} President W^{m} Gyfford Esq^{r}, or in his absence John Bigrig aforesaid, and M^{r} Job Charnock to be Chiefe of Cossumbuzar and next of our Councell of Hughly after M^{r} Beard, M^{r} Ffrancis Ellis to be next of our s^{d} Councell below s^{d} M^{r} Charnock, M^{r} Rich^{d} Trenchfeild next after M^{r} Ellis, M^{r} Samuell Griffith next after M^{r} Trenchfeild, M^{r} Thomas Ley next after M^{r} Griffith, M^{r} Richard Gough next after M^{r} Ley, and M^{r} Edward Oxborough last of our Councell att Hughly: And wee doe hereby give and grant unto y^{e} our said Presid^{t} and Governour W^{m} Gyfford, or in his absence to John Bigrig afores^{d}, and to our s^{d} Councell forenamed, or y^{e} more part of them whereof our s^{d} Presid^{t} to be one, or if he be absent John Bigrig afores^{d}, or M^{r} John Beard aforesaid, (the whole Councell being duly summoned) full power and authority from tyme to tyme to rule and governe all and every our ffactories and servts within ye sd agency; to administer lawfull oathes as occation shall require, and to doe and ꝑforme all such other acts and things and to use & exercise all such other powers and authorities as by his Majesties Royall Charter: Our Agent and Governour & his Councell in their severall and respective places where wee ye sd Governour and Compa have any ffactories or places of trade are authorized to doe according to such instructions and directions as he ye sd Wm Gyfford, or in his absence John Bigrig, our President and Governour and his Councell beforenamed shall from tyme to tyme receive under ye hands of thirteen or more of ye Court of Committees of ye sd Company for ye tyme being, whereof ye Governour or his Deputy for ye tyme being to be one, And Wee the sd Goverr and Compa doe hereby order and enquire all our ffactories Servants, officers, Souldiers and others within ye sd Agency to conforme, submitt, and yeald obedience unto him, the said Wm Gyfford Esqr, or in his absence Mr John Bigrig aforesd, our Presidt And Governour aforesd accordingly. And for as much as ye exegency of our affaires att Fort St George will not ꝑmitt any long stay of our President aforesd in ye Bay, and that 'tis necessary for us to provide for succession in ye Agency of ye Bay of Bengala, We doe appoynt that upon ye removall of our sd President to ye ffort Mr Beard shall succeed Agent and Cheife of ye Bay, and in case of his ye sd Mr John B. Beard's death, or removall, Mr Job Charnocks shall Succeed and be our Agent, and in case of his ye sd Mr Charnock's death or removall, Mr Francis Ellis shall succeed and be our Agent in the Bay and so the rest of our Councell of Hughly successively, according to the degrees and stations in which wee have placed them by this Commission, except wee ourselves shall see cause hereafter to make any change of this settlement, and wth as large and ample powers and authorities as we have formerly granted to any Agent and Councell in the Bay of Bengala, But for as much as wee the sd Governour and Company have too much cause to suspect yt some irregular things have been transacted repugnent to our orders by ye late Agent Hodges, since the departure of ye *Defence* and *Society* from the Bay, We doe for the prevention of ye like mischeifs for the future appoynt yt in all tymes hereafter our Agent and Councell in ye Bay after ye returne of President Gyfford, or ye aforesd Mr John Bigrig to ye ffort, shall be subordinate to our President and Councell of ffort St George and obey such orders, directions, and instructions as they shall receive from them ye sd President and Councell not being contrary to any orders they shall receive from ourselves, and this is our express orders notwithstanding any clause or clauses in the before receited Commission granted to Wm Hodges aforesaid, and for yor actings and doeings in all & singuler ye premisses this shall be yor sufficient warrant and discharge: In Wittness whereof wee have caused ye larger seale of our Company to be hereunto affixed, ye Nine and twentith day of December Anno Domini 1683: And In the five and thirtith year of the reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles ye Second, by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, and Ireland, Defendour of ye ffaith, &ca.

Sealed wth ye Compas Seal in ye presence of—

ROBERT BLACKHORNE,
Secrey.

LONDON, *9th Octobr 1683.*

OUR PRESIDENT AGENT & CHIEFES & COUNCELLS IN ALL PARTS OF INDIA—

With this you have Copies of all our former Letters to you Overland, which wee Confirme, And in regard wee apprehend reason for keepeing the Designe of our ffleet ships, now outward bound for India with the Sloopes attending them, secret for some time, Wee doe hereby order you into whose hands shall come, to follow all such Instructions and directions, as you shall receive from St John Banks Governr, St Jeremy Sambrooke, Deputy Governr, St Josia Child, and Mr

Joseph Horne, or any their of them, as fully and effectually, as you ought to doe any other order of the Govern^r^ Deputy or Committees, in generall, soe wee rest—

Your Loveing ffriends,

JOHN BANKS, *Gov^r^*.

JEREMY SAMBROOKE, *Dep^t^*

JOSEPH HORNE.

JOS^A^ CHILD.

JOHN MOORE.

PETER DANIEL.

JAMES ORD.

HERRY SERLE.

J^O^ CREED.

C. BANKS.

W. JERRETT.

TH^O^ CANKAM.

JOHN DUBOIS.

FRAN TYSSEN.

TH^O^ COOKE.

W^M^ SEDGWICKE.

LONDON, *the 2nd July 1684.*

OUR AGENT & COUNCILL AT HUGHLEY—

1. We find litle to answer the imperfect letter wee had from our late Agent Hodges &^a^ by the *Prudent Mary,* but that you give us no accompt how our stock was disposed, nor how, when, or to which of our ffactories you have proportionably sent it, which are great things, and so essentiall for us to know, and for you to follow our orders in, that whosoever in the head of our busyness there shall faile in we cannot reasonably hope to have any good of them management in any thing else.

2. And therefore we doe the less wonder that the Interlopes found such quiett admition to trade in the Bay, though they were the same persons that were bafled before in all places upon the Coast of Chormandell and in the Gingee Country.

3. Neither for the like cause do noe wonder that our Antient experiened Servants in this Bay have bin so discouraged, and such a raw unexperienced youth as M^r^ Johnson made Sorter of Hughly, but of those things no more at present till we see M^r^ Hodges who we hope may be coming to us before this reacheth your hands;

4. We hope now to see the Bay flourish, and that Righteousness and truth to the Company shall prevaile against Artifice, private interest, and the old faction that have so long deceived the Company by their Dustricks and Dustores, and other notorious abuses to our excessive loss, the hazard of the loss of the best trade of this Kingdom.

5. And that all those factions which have so long molested our affaires, may be att a full end, we confirm our Comission to our late President Agent

and Councell, none of which we will have suspended or removed out of the station wherein we lately put them, but by ourselves. And if it be not done already, we do hereby restore M^{r} Ellis and M^{r} Watson, not approving the manner of their suspencon, which we understand to be in effect by M^{r} Hodges himself, neither do we like the design of displacing them at that time, which looke more like a purpose of engrossing the disposall of all the Companys stock by a few persons that gave us such ill proof of themselves the first year of their arrivall by opening and stopping the Governors letters that he must be very dark sighted that could not foresee all would be worse the next year.

6. We doe likewise hereby give to our Agent and Councell of Hughly (which hereafter we shall alwayes understand to be our Councill of the Bay) full power and authority to reform all other Councils and ffactories in the Bay according to their discretions, as they shall think best for our service, putting in or out, or suspending any personfrom our service, until such person shall be restored by ourselves, or President and Councill of ffort S^{t} George.

7. We have formerly given order occasionally in our letters as well as printed Rules for the well Government of our ffactories, which we desire you to cause to be observed punctually in all places.

8. When our President returned to the ffort, we hopeed he took with him all your Remaine of old Guns, Cloth and all other Europe goods. If any be left unsold in any ffactory of y^{e} Bay, we enjoyn you not to fail of sending them up to the ffort by the first oppertunity, that you may not only clear our Ware houses of them, but that we may find them all cleared in your Books.

9. We could have you send us not only Cotton wool, but ½ of our Cotton yarn pressed with our Screws, being lately well informed that the screwing will not damnify the yarn.

10. And if you can procure any quantity of ffeathers, and can press the quantity of 12^{lb} 10^{tt} or more of them into the bulk of 4 hogsheads, send us what you can of them for a trial.

11. Encrease all that is possible your manufacture of Plain Taffaties & if you can come to winde or throw that fine silk (which you know our silkmen, as it comes raw, care not to buy) it may turn us well to acco^{t} whereas formerly we alwayes lost mony by it.

12. Our list of goods to be provided shall go by the *Persia Merchant* which we hope may sail directly for your place from the Downs, the first week in September next.

13. We can hardly hope for it though if it could be attained, we should be glad if you had obtained leave to build a ffort in some convenient place for the security of that trade, that we might have not only a fort, but a Town and small territory of our own as we have at Bombay, and if you are possessed of any such place by virtue of what we ordered you to doe last year in case of extremity, we hope you will be soe wise as to secure yourselves in it, by good words &c^{a} until you hear again from us.

14. Having provided you so easy, we may say lazy a way of clearing all our Ware houses in y^{e} Bay of all Europe goods, by putting the labour and burden of disposing them upon our President and Councill at the ffort as aforesaid, we do peremptorily require you to doe till forthwith, we well to putt our dead, stock into life and motion, as to sett ourselves upon the clearer and freer terms, that we may the bolder insist upon our rights from the Nabob.

15. Ffor y^{e} same purpose we must likewise press you earnestly to gett in all our debts as well old as now in that country, and compell those Pikars that plaid the Knaves with you while the Interlopers were there to pay interest to you for our mony which thou had in their hands and failed to deliver your goods for according to their agreem^{ts}.

16. We had made a good busyness of our sugars the last year by Captain Wildy, but that you dispatcht him so late for Persia, that he could neither have gold (which is best) for returns nor any frieght goods or passingers, for the future we must enjoyne you to correct this error by providing timely a quantity

of sugar beforehand, that the ships you send for Persia may sayle from the Bay early in Decemb^{r} to be at Goombroone by February or y^{e} beginning of March.

17. If you say the disappointment happened by reason that you could not sooner get in your sugars, we reply 1st that will alwayes happen so, if you have not sugars ready at Ballasore as we have often ordered you, 2^{ly} that whenever it falls out that your sugars come in so late, we would have you, not to send any such backward ship loaden wth sugars to Persia but direct such late ship to Bombay where we shall order our President and Councill of Surratt to laid them, and put the ship upon some further imployment that may turn us to a better account, and in the meantime, the lyeing of our ship in Bombay road while she stays there will be some reputation and security to our Island.

18. We wrote you last year that our ships from the Bay to ffort S^{t} George shall not hereafter goe up empty or with little goods besides Petre but that you should fill up our tonnage with rice, butter, oyle, &c. to be sold to the numerous Inhabitants of our Town of Madrass, since we understand that long pepper (w^{ch} is alwayes cheap in the Bay) is a commodity in all parts of y^{e} King of Golcandaes Country but especially in that City, and in regard the difference by land to our ffort to Gulconda is but three dayes more then Metchlepatam, and that our Cafelâs that came down to the ffort may carry goods up cheap, since likewise the freight upon our own ships from the Bay to Fort S^{t} George will be no charge to the Company, upon our own ships, Wee think our President and Councill of ffort S^{t} George with yourselves may make long pepper a profitable commodity to the Company and are told that two or three hundred tons thereof yearly may find a rent in all the Kingdoms of Gulcoda, and that we shall be able to afford it cheaper then any mere Gentu or Private trader that must pay freight, and therefore we desire that yearly such a quantity thereof may be sent up by our ships as our President and Councill shall advise you may sell, and the meantime till you have their advises send by the first ship you have spare tonnage for to the ffort 50 tons thereof.

19. Besides paddy and rice there is another graine called gram———— that grows plentifully in the Bay and will sell well at the ffort of which you may likewise send some quantity to help fill up our ships. We have not else to add but comending you and our affaires to the guidance and protection of the Almighty. We remaine—

Your Loveing Freinds,

JOSEPH ASHE, *Gov^{r}.*

JOS^{A} CHILD, *Dept^{y}.*

JOHN MOORE.

JOSEPH HORNE.

W^{M} JERRED.

EDM^{D} BOWWNE.

PETER DANIEL.

TH^{O} COOKE.

TH^{O} CANHAM.

HENRY SERLE.

THOMAS DANALL.

JOHN DUBOIS.

LONDON, 29th *February* 168¾.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCELL AT FORT ST GEORGE.

1. With this you have a copy of our former by ye Resolution. This we send open in or Pacquet for ye Bay, because we hope it may meet our President there, whome we doe hereby desire to send this forward to you, with some paragraphs of our Bay letter, relating to the future regulation of our Factories, which tho: intended principally for ye reformc̄on of those in ye Bay, may not be impertinent for you to know, and if you think convenient to put in practice with respect to some of ye ffactories more imediately subordinate to ye Fort, that performed very ill with us last year, of which you have been often advised.

2. Our President and Councill in ye Bay will with this advise you what tonage you are to load upon ye ship he intends to send up to you, and of every thing else he conceives necessary for our service, so that untill wee hear from you, wee have noe cause of enlargement.

3. The wonderfull great frost wee have had in England that kept our ships this long in ye Ice, in this River & put us upon ye necessity or ordring all ye three remaining ships directly for ye Bay from whence you are to expect ye Medicamts & other necessaries wee have shipt for ye ffort on board ye *Defence*, & wee have reason to doubt those N. E. winds which have held during this long & great ffrost keepe out our East India ships & many other ships now bound into ye Channell.

4. Wee would have you send by every ship to St Helena so many Slaves as or President shall direct you from ye Bay, some males and some females, as you can meet with them cheap, and send in every ship so much rice & noe more than you think may be sufficient for their passage. Order our Capts to deliver ye overplus (if there be any) to or Govr & Councill at St Helena. It will be of advantage to us, if you can procure some of ye males to be carpenters, smiths or potters, or of any other manull trade thoe wee pay double price for them, And it would be convenient if some of them could speake a little English or if not that, Portugues.

5. Give our Govr & of St Helena notice of ye particular qualities of any of them that are of Trades, &c.

6. Wee would have you with all imaginable dilligence to procure from Zeilon, or Goa Pepper Plants, Cinamon Plants & seeds, & from some Dutch skippers, male cloves, & if it be possible Nutmeg Plants and bring up a small nursery of such Plants in yor owne gardon, Mr Bigrig knows to give direction to yor gardeners to keep seed bedds cleans of weeds, & set out ye young plants in rows after ye manner of nurseries in England.

7. This is a matter of vast concernmt to us & ye kingdome in generall that from yor nursery wee may from time to time supply our Plantac̄on; and ye young gardiner rec̄omded to us by ye Bishop of London that went to you by ye *Resolucon*, is an extraordinary youth for such curiosities.

8. Advise us that you can doe in this, and what you can doe from time to time.

9. Any Junck that goes to Zeilon for Beetle nutts may bring you Plants & seeds of ye Cinamon Tree as well as Pepper plants, which grow plentifully in ye woods there, as Capt Knox who was many years a captive upon that Island, hath assured us.

10. Send what you can of such plants to St Helena, but make cages of wyer over all the boxes of Earth that continue them or else the Ratts will eat or bark them round in ye Voyage, as they did two Cinamon plants by Capt Nicholson from Batavia.

11. The male clove (which is the onely prolifix sort) is not like others but thick without any head, & as big as four ordinary cloves.

12. Wee are sending a ship of 300ts to Syam, which wee hope may be with you from thence, about this time 12 mos with his leading of Tutenage & Copper, Capt Wouldhave is Comander of her and by her wee have ordered our Cheife and ffactors at Syam to become subordinate to your Presidency.

13. Wee have ordered them likewise to endeavour to gaine conveyance for some letter wee have now writt to y^{e} Emperour of Japan and the Gov^{r} of Nangeseck, & to send you y^{e} answers they receivé, which it be encourageing wee would have you send a small ship with a small cargoe from the ffort & Presents, with three or four sufficient ꝑsons as Ambassado^{r} to y^{e} Empero^{r} & to settle a ffactory, for whose deportm^{t} you may gather sufficient instruction from y^{e} Dutch, their formerr proceedings, which you may read at large in y^{e} two printed Histories of China & the History of Japan.

14. If our said letters should have better success then now hope for, & you should have occasion to send to Japan as aforesaid, you were best send away y^{e} ship with y^{e} first of your Westerly Monsoon in Aprill, that she may have time to stay at Syam to fill up her loading of deer skins which is y^{e} onely proper comodity wee know for Japan from Syam. What is most proper from your place you will be better informed there than wee can tell you, but wee suppose most kinds of fine Callicoes, Pepper, Bengall raw silke & some English Cloth & Lead, both which are comodities at y^{e} Tampaco Islands if wee should faile of admission at Japan.

15. Wee have likewise given order to our Cheife & Councill at Syam to get that King's Chop for a fortifyed settlem^{t} at Pollo Ludda, or some such Island near Syam, & for y^{e} inheritance of such a place, & if they obtained to send you a copy of y^{e} Chop with a discripcon of the place, number and quality of y^{e} Inhabitants, & whatever els is requisite at large, which if you like wee would have you make a small fortifycation upon as soon as you can, that may secure our people from danger, without staying for o^{r} further ord^{r} concerning it.

16. Whereever wee setle, if wee can once secure o^{r} selves, and the Country be our owne, wee doubt not but wee shall dayly grow stronger & be resorted unto by y^{e} Chineses & many other Inhabitants. All wee aim at is a fitt place for Pepper, for a Capitall residence for our Agency & security of our South Sea Trade that may be our owne, as Batavia is to y^{e} Dutch.

17. Study all y^{e} ways you can invent with our Stock, & by Portugues & particular merchants, to fill your Ware houses with Pepper, which is risen 2^{r} ꝑ pound already in Europe, & will abroad be engrossed by y^{e} Dutch if they can effect it.

18. Wee have for y^{e} encouragement of yourselves & y^{e} rest of o^{r} ffactors in India, made our order and published it, that what Bullion goods or merchandize shall be sent out, by any of y^{e} Adventurers, is to be consigned to our Presidents, Agents or ffactors or some of them in India, & to noe others, & that the Investments thereof are to be made by our said Presidents Agents & ffactors and to be returned to England on y^{e} Companyes Shipping and noe other.

19. And finding that some of our Ships laden by you doe greatly breake in their tonage for want of an equal distribution of fine and suff goods to be put on board them, by which also y^{e} owners fall much short of their accustomed freights, wee doe hereby desire & enjoyn you, that when two or more of our Ships are together in port, taking in goods you will be carefull that they may have a just proportion both of fine & suff goods allotted them, according to their tonage but you shall think fitt to dispeed an early ships to us alone, in such case wee would have you lade as many fine goods on her as conveniently you can w^{ch} may turne us to best advantage.

20. The 9th instant arrived in y^{e} Downes the *Persia Merchant* from Surratt she was in Comp^{a} of the *President* from Surratt and the *Surratt Merchant* from Batavia and Sillebar, 100 Leagues to the Westward of the Lands end the 12th December last, but by a violent storme they were parted and drawback to y^{e} Westward, since which wee have an acco^{tt} that y^{e} *President* Cap^{t} Jonathan Hide in making the Channell in y^{e} night time, by a violent storm was cast away on the rocks of Helstone in Mounts Bay in Cornwall on y^{e} 11th instant, all her men saving two being drowned and most of her cargoe wee fear also is lost, if not all of it, tho' all means possible is used, to see what can be saved thereof, the *Surratt Merchant* is not yet arrived but dayly expected.

21. Since the writing y^{e} foregoing, wee have appointed the *John and Mary* burden 150^{ts} Cap^{t} Jashua Woodland, Comander (designed at first directly for the Bay) to saile to the ffort, and on her have sent the medicine and other necessaries for your ffactory, which being taken on shore, you are to disped her for the Bay wth directions to follow the orders of our President Agent and Councill there.

22^{ox}. Those comes to you by the Ship *John and Mary* burden 150 tons Cap^{t} Joshua Woodland Comander on whom wee have sent medicines & other things necessary for your ffactory, which being taken on shore, you are to dispeed her for the Bay with direcons to the Comander to follow such orders and instruccons as he shall receive from our President Agent and Councill for his further proceedings.

23. Wee have taken security for M^{r} Clement Jordon in 1,000^{l} for the faithful discharge of his trust & have sent herewith his Coo^{tr} bond for performance wth being signed & sealed before witnesses, are to be returned to us.

So comending you & o^{r} affayrs to y^{e} proteccon of y^{e} Almighty, Wee remayn—

Your Loveing friends,

JOHN BANKS, *Gov^{t}.*

JEREMY SAMBROOKE, *Dep$_{y}$.*

JOS^{A} CHILD.

THOMAS DANALL.

JA. EDWARDS.

THO. COOKE.

PETER DANIEL.

W^{M} JARRETT.

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MR. D'S. Our President and Councill in y^e Bay of Bengall.

Arrival of the Kempthorn.

It hath pleased God to arrive in safety to us y^e ship *Kempthorn*, and having an opportunity by y^e *Eagles* being beaten back into Plymouth, wee thought fit to advise you thereof.

Comanding care and diligence in preventing interlopers and hope y^e like in y^e Bay.

Wee cannot as yet fully answer our President's letter from y^e Fort by y^e *Kempthorn*, only wee would not omitt any occasion to commend you for y^e good care and diligence used in preventing the interloper's ships all along y^e coast, and hope they will find y^e same disapointment by our servants in y^e Bay.

His Majestie's kindness not permitting interlopers.

Wee can assure you of his Majesties great kindness to us, being resolved not to permit any interlopers to go out from hence in here wee have y^e least suspicion of their being soe intended, and for security thereof requiring such ships to give security into his High Court of admiralty, that they shall not proceed within y^e limits of our Charter: however wee are informed that one or two ships having given us y^e slip by entering themselves to Ostend &c., were gone away from thence, before his Majestie's Man-of-war, that was sent over to fetch them back could reach them and therefore require you diligence in looking after them soe as to prevent their designes.

Interlopers that have given us the slip.

Sent a ship to Port Novo to prevent interlopers.

Wee doe intend to send you two early ships with a good stock to be going from hence y^e latter end of September or y^e beginning of October intending them for Port Novo, there to await our President's Order in preventing of interlopers, and that one of them after his order received should proceed unto y^e Fort, and goe down into y^e Bay, of which wee shall further advise you hereafter, soe commending you and our affairs to y^e guidance and protection of y^e Almighty.

Wee remain,

Your loving friends,

Signed JOHN BANKS, *Govr.*

JEREMY SAMBROOKE. *Dept.*

JAMES EDWARDS.

THOMAS DAVALL.

WILLIAM JARRETT.

EDWARD RUDGE.

THOMAS BOOKE.

WILLIAM SEDGWICKE.

JOHN MOOR.

JOHN DUBOIS.

JOSEPH HERNE.

London, y^e 2nd July 1684.

Our Agent and Council at Hughly.

No Account of stock disposed.

1. Wee find little to answer in y^e imperfect letter wee had from our late Agent Hedges &c. by y^e *Prudent Mary*, but y^t you give us no account how our stock

was disposed, nor how, when, or to which of our factories you have proportionably sent it, which are great things, and so essentiall for us to know, and for you to follow our orders in, that whosoever in yᵉ head of our business there shall faile in, wee cannot reasonably hope to have any good of their management in any thing else, and

Wee doe less wonder the interlopers found such quiet admission in yᵉ Bay.

2. Therefore wee doe yᵉ less wonder yᵗ yᵉ interlopers found such quiet admission to trade in yᵉ Bay, though they were yᵉ same persons yᵗ were bafled before in all places upon yᵉ coast of Coramandell and in yᵉ Gingee country.

Nor for yᵗ like cause doe wee wonder our experienced servants in yᵉ Bay have been soe discouraged.

3. Neither for yᵉ like cause doe wee wonder yᵗ our ancient experienced servants in yᵉ Bay have been soe discouraged, and such a raw unexperienced youth as Mr. Johnson made sorter of Hooghley, but of these things no more at present till wee see Mr. Hedges who wee hope may be coming to us before this reacheth your hands.

Hopes to see yᵉ Bay flourish.

4. Wee hope now to see your Bay flourish, and your righteousness and truth to yᵉ Company shall prevaile against Artifice private interest and yᵉ old faction yᵗ have soe long deceived yᵉ Company by your Dusticks and Dustores, and other notorious abuses, to our excessive loss, and yᵉ hazard of yᵉ loss of yᵉ best trade of this kingdom.

President Agent nor Councill none of which wee will have suspended but by ourselves to restore Mr. Watson and Mr. Ellis not approving yᵉ manner of their suspension.

5. And that all those factions which have soe long molested our affairs may be at a full end, wee confirm our Commission to our late President Agent and Councill none of which wee will have suspended or removed out of yᵉ Stations wherein wee lately put them but by ourselves, and if it be not done already, wee doe hereby restore Mr. Ellis and Mr. Watson, not approving yᵉ manner of their suspension which wee understand to be in effect by Mr. Hedges himselfe, neither doe wee like yᵉ design of displacing them at yᵗ time, which looks more like a purpose of engrossing yᵉ disposall of all yᵉ Company's stock by a few persons that gave such ill proofs of themselves yᵉ first year of their arrival by opening and stopping yᵉ Governors letters, yᵗ he must be very dark sighted yᵗ could not foresse all would be worse yᵉ next year.

Power to our Agent and Council of Hooghly to reform all other Councills and factories in the Bay.

6. Wee doe likewise hereby give to our Agent and Councill of Hughly (which hereafter wee shall always understand to bee our Councill of yᵉ Bay) full power and authority to reform all other Councills and factories in yᵉ Bay according to their discretions as they shall think best for our service, putting in or out or suspending any person from our service, untill such person shall be restored by ourselves, or President and Councill of Fort St. George.

Printed Rules for Government of our factories.

7. We have formerly given order occasionall in our letters, as well as printed Rules for yᵉ well Government of our factories, which we desire you to cause to be observed punctually in all places.

8. When our President returned to yᵉ Fort, we hope hee took with him all your remains of old gems, cloth, and all other Europe goods. If any be left unsold in any factory of yᵉ Bay, we enjoyn you not to fail of sending them up to yᵉ Fort by yᵉ first opportunity yᵗ you may not only clear our warehouses of them, but yᵗ we may find them all cleared in your books.

Cotton yarn to be pressed with the screws.

9. We would have you send us not only cotton wool, but half of our cotton yarn pressed with our screws, being lately well informed yᵗ yᵉ screwing will not damnify yᵉ yarns.

To send feathers.

10. And if you can procure any quantity of feathers, and can press yᵉ quantity of 12 lbs. net or more of them into yᵉ bulk of four Hogsheads, send us net you can of them for a tryall.

Encrease manufactures of plaine taffaties.

11. Encrease all yᵗ is possible your manufacture of plain Taffaties, and if you can come to wind or throw yᵗ fine silke (which you know our silkmen as it comes

raw care not to buy, it may turn as well to account, whereas formerly wee always lost money by it).

List of goods to be sent per y^e Persia Marchant.

12. Our list of goods to be provided shall goe per y^e *Persia Merchant*, which we hope may saile directly for your place from y^e Downs y^e first week in September next.

Obtain leave to build a Fort for y^e security of that trade.

13. Wee can hardly hope for it, though if it could be attained, wee should be glad if you had obtained leave to build a Fort in some convenient place, for y^e security of y^t trade, y^t we might not have only a Fort but a Town and small Territory of our own as we have at Bombay, and if you are possessed of any such place by vertue of w^t wee ordered you to doe last year in case of extremity, wee hope you will be soe wise as to secure yourselves in it, by good words &c., untill you hear again from us.

We doe require you forthwith to clear our ware houses of all our dead stock.

14. Having provided you soe easy we may say lazy a way of clearing all our Warehouses in y^t Bay of all Europe goods, by putting y^t labour and burden of disposing them upon our President and Councill at y^e Fort as foresaid wee doe peremptorily require you to doe it for them as well to put our dead stock into life and motion as to sett ourselves upon y^e clearer and freer terms, y^t wee may y^t bolder insist upon our rights from y^e Nabob.

To gett in all our debts as well old as new.

15. For y^t same purpose we must likewise press you earnestly, to get in all our debts as well old as new in y^t country, and compell those Pikars y^t plaid y^e knaves with you while y^e Interlopers were there, to pay Interest to you for our money which they had in their hands, and failed to deliver your goods for according to their agreements.

To gett quantities of sugar before hand to dispatch ships early &c.

16. Wee had made a good business of our sugars y^e last year by Captain Wiley, but y^t you dispatcht him soe late for Persia, that hee could neither have gold (which is best for returns) nor any freight goods or passengers, for y^e future wee must enjoyn you to correct this error by providing timely a quantity of sugar before hand y^t y^e ship or ships you send for Persia may saile from y^e Bay early in December to be at Gombroon by February, or y^e beginning of March.

To gett sugars ready att Ballasore.

17. If you say y^e disappointment happened by reason y^t could not get in your sugars sooner, we reply first that, that will always happen soe, if you have not sugars ready at Ballasore, as we have often ordered you, secondly that whenever it falls out y^t your sugars come in soe late, wee would have you not send any such backward ship loaden with sugars to Persia, but direct such late ship to Bombay, where wee shall order our President and Councill of Surratt to land them and put y^e ship upon some further imployment that may turn us to a better account, and in y^e meantime y^t lying of our ship in Bombay road while she staies there will be some reputation and security to our Island.

That ships from y^e Bay doe not goe to Madrass emty, but load long Pepper.

18. Wee wrote you last year y^t our ships from y^e Bay to Fort St. George shall not hereafter goe up emty or with little goods besides Petre, but y^t you should fill up our tonnage with rice, butter, oyle &ca. to be sold to y^e numerous Inhabitants of our Towne of Madras, since wee understand y^t long Pepper, (which is always cheap in y^e Bay) is a commodity in all parts of y^e King of Gulcondah's country, but especially in y^t City, and in regard y^e difference by land to our Fort to Gulcondah is but three days more then Metchlepatam, and y^t our Cafelas y^t came downe to y^e Fort may carry goods up cheap, since likewise y^e freights upon our own ships from y^e Bay to Fort St. George will be noe charge to y^e Company upon our own ships, wee think our President and Councill of Fort St. George with yourselves may make long pepper a profitable commodity to y^e Company, and are told y^t 200 or 300 tons thereof yearly may find a vent in all y^e Kingdom of Gulcondah, and y^t wee shall be able to afford it cheaper than any Moor Gentu, or private trader, y^t must pay freight, and therefore wee desire y^t yearly such a quantity thereof

To send gram from the Bay.

may be sent up by our ships, as our President and Councill shall advise you may sell, and yᵉ meantime till you have their advices send by yᵉ first ship you have spare tonnage for to yᵉ Fort 50 tons thereof. Besides Paddy and Rice there is another grain called gram that grows plentifully in yᵉ Bay, and will sell well at yᵉ Fort, of which you may likewise send some quantity to help, fill up our ships.

Wee remain,

Your loving friends,

Signed JOSEPH ASH, *Govr.*
JOSA. CHILD, *Dept.*
BERKLEY.
CHRIS. BOON.
EDWD. RUDGE.
THOMAS DAVALL.
RICH. HUCHINSON.
BEAUFORT.
THOMAS COOKE.
WILLIAM SEDGWICK.
JOHN DUBOIS.
JOHN MOORE.
EDWARD BOUVERIE.
JOSEPH HERNE.

By yᵉ *Society* wee received a bag of Turmerick in lieu of a bag of coffee, pray enquire how this error was committed and cause it to be rectified.

London, 3rd October 1684.

Our Agent and Councill at Hughley.

From Hughley received the *Prudent Mary* and the *George* with mean cargo.

1. The promises of yᵉ 2d July are copy of our last to you which, wee confirm since what hath arrived with us from your place yᵉ *Prudent Mary* and the *Herbert* with mean cargoes for yᵉ great stock wee sent you, tho in yᵉ meantime have wee received six ships from Fort St. George and yᵉ subordinate factories thereunto.

Nothing said of how you dispose of our stock and when.

2. Your letters by yᵉ said two ships are as disfactory to us as those wee formerly received, having in yours no particular account concerning yᵉ most essential part of our business, *vizt.* How and when you disposed of our stock, how much to Cassimbuzar, how much to Decca, Maulda, and yᵉ rest; where it was coyned, and when delivered into yᵉ hands of our respective Chiefs, of which wee expected a particular account in your letter of yᵉ distribution of our treasure to yᵉ severall factories.

Approve of putting their Europe goods att Ballasore.

3. The putting off our Europe goods at Ballasore was well, if Mr. Fitshugh had not sent us soe many dear sannoes in yᵉ room of them, by which wee shall be great loosers as wee have been formerly upon yᵉ like trucking occation.

Captain Lake's brave action in rescuing Mr. Ellis out of y^e hands of the Barbarians.

4. Captain Lake did very ill in bringing home y^t woman, but he did soe worthily and like a brave Englishman in rescuing Mr. Ellis out of y^e hands of those Barbarians and in preserving y^e *Berkely Caste* at Sea, y^t wee have overlookt y^t great fault and some others in him, which otherwise wee should not have done.

Resolve to continue the Persia Trade.

5. Notwithstanding what you say of y^e Persia trade wee intend yearly according to our former order y^t you shall provide two or three hundred tons of y^e very best sugar, of which sort if it be, wee are satisfied it will not all run to syrrup in y^e times of y^e raines as you say, besides it is no small conveyniency to our affaires y^t you should be alwaies in a condition to give one ship an employment, in case wee should at any time send you more tonnage than you can possibly lade home.

Wee now hope y^t our business will be managed with much more profitt to y^e Company, then ever by reason of our honest Councill sent out of England.

6. Wee have now wee hope soe just and prudent a Councill in y^e Bay y^t wee shall more than ever expect you should buy our goods cheape in y^e time of rain and sort better, and when you have occasion take up money upon cheaper terms than hath been formerly, mean performances will not now serve from such men as you are, our expectations are great from you, great promises made by your particular friends y^t wee shall see an evident perspicuous and demonstrable melioration of all our affairs in those factories now wee have submitted them soe intirely to y^e conduct of Mr. Beard, Mr. Charnock and Mr. E. Ellis and those honest gentlemen we sent from hence, to be of our Councill at Hughly.

Very well satisfyed, there is fine goods at Banavras and of all sorts.

7. Wee are very well satisfyed very fine goods may be had from Bennarras and of all sorts y^t have not been seen in England, which will turn to an extraordinary account, and therefore wee would have you improve y^t manufacture, and we expect y^t Mr. Dod should deal faithfully by us in y^t trust without making any sinister advantage to himselfe which hath been too much practised in y^e Bay, and it must be your infinite care to prevent our new men from taking up those wild old customs by imitation of their predicessors.

We shall protect the English free men, being willing to pay us 2 per cent. consulage.

They that will not pay the said 2 per cent. consulage, seize their persons and effects and send them to Fort St. George trye them at our Courts as Interlopers.

8. You say y^e English freemen in y^e Bay are ready and willing to pay us 2 per cent. consulage provided wee protect them, wee answer wee shall protect them as wee doe ourselves, and admit them to a participation of our priviledges which they doe enjoy, soe as they carry on their trade with their own money and goods without collerring any of natives goods or merchandizes, but for petty bribes now and then you know wee are forced to undergoe for avoyding of trouble and soe must they, and therefore wee say positively as you have any regard for our service wee require you to compell all y^t were in y^e Bay to pay us y^e said 2 per cent. consulage, and for such as doe refuse soe reasonable and just proposal, seize their person and effects whereever you can find them and send them up to Fort St. George to be proceeded against and tried in our Courts of Justice there as Interlopers trading contrary to his Majestie's Charter, and in y^e meantime expose them to y^e Native Governors, as men y^t have no right nor are to enjoy any benefitt of our priviledges.

3 Deckt ships to goe as high as Ingerlee.

9. Wee shall endeavour to perswade our 3 Deckt ships to goe as high as y^e Island of Ingerlee.

The way to be obeyed is to act righteousness, faithful and honorable things.

10. You are now a Councill consisting of a competent number of discreet, sober, knowing men y^t have had experience of y^e affaires of y^e world, and as wee have given you great powers over all y^e rest of our factorys, if you will be accordingly obeyed and reverend, such reverened from your inferiors must be obtained by your own just, faithfull and sober conversation, y^t as you are above all our servants at Bengall you may be an example to lead them into y^e way of righteousness and faithfulness to y^e company, and sobriety in their lives. Y^t after many essayes wee may at last see a flourishing settlement of y^e Company's

business in y^t principle part of India which for above twenty yeares hath laboured under distraction or knavery of one kind or other.

Wee hope to fill our letters not as wee used to do with complaints but with econiums of your wise proceedings.

11. Wee hope likewise y^t for y^e future instead of filling our letters with complaints and invectives you will give us cause to change our stile into econiums and commendations of your wise honest and regular proceedings as we have in all our letters to our present Generall and Councill of Surratt, and our President and Councill at Fort St. George.

12. With this wee send you y^e printed Cargo of y^e Interloper *William and John* and intend to send y^e print of her sale, if we can procure it, to y^e intent y^t you may see what kind of new goods she brought, and how they sold there for your Government in providing for us such as you find turned best to Account.

The Interlopers have allwaies more proportionable diferable goods then our ships.

13. Upon this occasion wee must tell you y^t y^e Interlopers have in nothing juster cause to boast than this, y^t notwithstanding our Councills are constantly resident upon y^e place and have alwaies our orders and money before hand and time to provide new and fine sorts of goods, and they come to y^e Bay but for a short time and as it were by stealth, and yet they bring home more in proportion of those new desirable goods by farre than our ships which is such an unanswerable reproach to those that managed our affaires formerly y^t wee hope you will remove it from your doores.

Silk by *Prudent Mary* very deare.

14. Wee find among your silke No. A., some small skeynes of silke pack which small are of a meaner quality then y^e long skeines by about 3 per pt., pray enquire particularly how this happens and where it was done, but those y^t are in fault may bear y^e blame, for wee are exceeding loosers by it, in generall all your raw silke by y^e *Herbert* and *Prudent Mary* comes soe excessive dear y^t there is little or nothing got by most of it, in so much y^t tho all your silke be inveyed among Cossumbazar goods some of us are in great doubt whither it were all brought at Cossumbazar and sent you from thence by Mr. Charnock, and whither a great part of it were not bought at Hughley or some other place contrary to our orders, about which make strict enquiry and let us know y^e certainty, it being hard for us to believe y^t such dear and false packt silke could come from Cossumbazar because wee never observed so apparent neglect or abuse in y^e package formerly.

Can never send too many Taffaties, to send raw Taffaties.

15. Plaine Taffaties of all sorts are certainly y^e most staple commodity y^t India affords, and it is possible for you ever to send us too many of them, let it be your constant care to procure all y^t possible you can, and if for want of dyers you cannot have soe many as you would made of dyed silke, get however what you can of them and send us y^e rest raw Taffaties which our drapers have found a way to dy and gloss here much better than formerly.

Mulmuls, Tanjeebs of all sorts to be sent.

16. The cloth from Dacca proves well this yeare, y^e only failure is we have too little of it, let y^t factory be constantly and largely supplied with money and send us from thence and Maulda all y^e Mulmuls and Tanjeebs you can possibly procure to y^e full extent of our list, alsoe stript Mulmuls some large but most small stripes, Cossacs what you can get, and a good quantity of flowered Mulmuls, y^e flowers to be wrought upon y^e finest Mulmuls, and 5 or 6,000 pieces to be wrought variously, some with silke and silver, some with silke and gold, and some with gold and silver.

Send of y^e sorts within mentioned.

17. Of fine and orderly Nillaes send us at least 30,000 p^s, of coloured ginghams a large quantity, Gulpombaes as many as can be gott deep yallows y^e same as by y^e *Herbert*, of Got bascoes likewise such as per y^e *Herbert*, all you can procure of Adethaes 5,000 p^s, gunaes stript 4 or 5,000 p^s, of neckloths flowered as many as can be gott fine and midling, and some wrought at y^e ends with gold and silver, of Romalls ordinary and all other sorts of Romalls as many as you can procure possibly, Dooreas small stript upon fine Mulmuls, 4 or 5,000 peeces of broad stripes d^{to}, 1 or 2,000 p^s of fine shellac what you can get, these are y^e principall commodities in request which occur to our memories on

a suddain, being now entring on our sale after which we shall form a compleat list of whatever we would have provided in your parts which you may expect by y^{e} next ship; in y^{e} meantime be stirring early for y^{e} provision and encrease of our investment in y^{e} commodities aforesaid, that you may send us a fuller and larger supply of them than ever wee had, which can never be obtained except you doe in y^{e} very first place supply Cossumbazar, Dacca and Maulda with large stock of money and give them order to take up more at a moderate interest before our Bullion be coined at Rajamahall; for y^{e} just performance whereof we shall have a principall dependance upon Agent Beard, because he hath seen what excessive damage hath accurewed to us these two last years by y^{e} late and mean supply of those factories.

To take up more money at moderate Interest before our Bullion be coined at Rajamahall.

Finest goods turn best to Account.

18. Altho our Cargoes must consist of coarse as well as fine goods to supply all buyers, yet take it for a generall rule y^{t} y^{e} finest goods of all sorts doe generally turn us best to account, and for y^{e} proportion of each you will have sufficient light from our intended list.

To bring new Commodities to help of a glutt in Europe.

19. Wee shall send you by this or our next ships likewise an intire book of this Michælmas sale which may be of great use to inform your judgements in severall particulars which we may forget to write of, by which likewise you may see what help it is to us upon a dull market when Europe is soe glutted with Indian goods to bring home severall sorts of new commodities, wherein we hope our present Agent and Councill will be studious to outdoe all their predicessors wherein we think they have a large field to walk in, there being not yet known to us one half of y^{e} commodities y^{t} y^{e} Bay of Bengall affords especially towards Bennarra and y^{e} higher parts of y^{t} great river of Ganges.

Remaines not to be bartered for Sannoes of those goods that are for sale, but Guns, Anchor &c.

20. Wee have often wrote to you to clear all our factories of all old remains of goods for sale, but by this we doe not mean to give them away for soe dull a commodity as Sannoes which are like to lie upon our hands for some years, rather would wee have you according to y^{e} expedients propose to you last year to send whatever lies by you old guns, anchors, unsaleable cloth or stuff, cordage, pitch or tarr, or whatever it be, to send up all to Fort St. George, and that that Presidency may not be over burdened with such lumber we shall send them this year y^{e} more money and less goods.

Bullion sent by *Kempthorn* and *Chandoise.*

21. Of what wee sent you by this ship y^{e} *Persia Merchant* y^{e} enclosed bill of loading and Invoyce will inform you, by y^{e} *Kempthorn* y^{t} goes with her we shall send in money 70,000℔ and by y^{e} *Chandois* 70,000℔ in money, which latter may saile from hence in October, one-half of which two summs wee shall order our President and Councill to send downe to you, those two ships being to touch at Fort St. George; enclosed you have a list of y^{e} shipping we intend out this year, it is possible that upon further consideration or advice from y^{e} Indies we may alter y^{e} design of some one or two of those ships, which if we doe you shall be timely advised.

To send quantities of cotton yarn and to give our ships a speedy dispatch.

22. You may doe well in y^{e} meantime to be providing a good quantity of several sorts of cotton yarn and other bulky commodities y^{t} you may be ready to give our ships a speedy dispatch with respect to our directions in y^{t} list sent you.

Hopes of great amendment in our goods in all respects.

23. Besides other improvements which wee hope to arrive at by y^{e} settlement of our officers under such a just and prudent Agent and Councill, wee hope to find generally our goods to come from Bengall much better bought, better sorted, and better conditioned in all respects then formerly.

To compell all our subordinate factories to do y^{e} same duties and with same integrity for y^{e} hindrance of Interlopers as yourselves?

24. The Interlopers wee hope will trouble you no more, if they should wee are satisfied by what some of us have seen from Agent Beard and Mr. Charnock y^{t} they can doe us little hurt and themselves no good, while we have such a staunch Agent and Councill, but it must be your great care not only to doe well yourselves, but to compell all your

subordinate factories to doe their duties with y^e like integrity and diligence, y^e only means for effecting whereof are first you own good example as aforesaid, 2^{dly} exact and constant correspondence by letters &c., 3^{dly} severe discipline in rewarding those y^t deserve well by preferment; disparaging, abasing, and turning out all y^t are negligent and unfaithful, for which purpose we have sent you some supply of hands by those ships of which you will have a list enclosed, and have ordered our President and Councill of Fort St. George (who best knows your wants) to send you as many more as they can spare.

For other matters you are to follow the directions of our President and Councill Fort St. George.

25. For other matters you are to follow y^e directions and orders of our said President and Councill of Fort S^t George who have demonstrated themselves in all their courts of our business there since y^e new settlement of President Gyfford &c., to be men worthy of great trust, and such as will maintain an upright, impartial, strict, and prudent correspondency with all persons subordinate to their Government.

Send Quilts of sorts that never were sent yet.

26. Send us 50 silke quilts of severall sorts according to our former orders and your own fancies in y^e choice of lively and acceptable colours; send us likewise of every sort of goods 100 pieces superfine by which we mean finer than ever yet been bought for Europe marketts.

Prudence alwaies to have to many goods aforehand rather than too few to bring away the goods remainder of former years.

27. Our President and Councill Fort St. George will from time to time acquaint you what tonnage they shall be able to supply to fill up our ships from y^e Bay, and it will be alwaies prudence in you rather to have too many goods before hand than too few, because 'tis probable now our trade is soe vastly encreased, we may alwaies send you a later ship or an early ship in y^e spring y^t may alwaies bring away y^e remainder of goods of y^e former year, soe y^t you need not fear any goods taking damage by lying too long upon your hands.

Wee hope you have adjusted that business of y^e Nabob.

28. Wee hope you have adjusted that business of y^e customes with y^e Nabob or Mogull in an amicable way for y^t trade of y^e Bay is too considerable to be lost or thrown away in a pett; but if we must quarrel at last with y^e Mogull for our priviledges we must be content, though in prudence if wee could have any reasonable quarter with those Governors for a little money it would be our interest to let y^e Dutch begin to quarrell first with that Prince, for then of necessity he must court us.

To obtain a Phirmaund to fortify on y^e Ganges.

29. But if you could obtain from y^e Mogull a Phirmaund to fortify on any convenient place on y^e Ganges for security of our trade in future from such attempts and surprises as y^e Dutch lately made at Bantam and formerly at Maccasser, wee should not grudge y^e charge of beginning soe noble a settlement for our Country, notwithstanding all y^e losses wee have lately sustained by means of y^e Interlopers.

Rebellion at Bombay.

30. Wee suppose you may heard of y^e rebellion at Bombay which is thought to proceed from y^e inspiration of Interlopers and wee hope you will soon hear of y^e returne of those desceived people to his majesties obedience.

To send Persia Merchant with full loading of Petre for Fort St. George.

31. This ship y^e *Persia Merchant* wee would have you not faile of sending up to Fort St. George with her full lading of Petre, and what other goods proper for Europe may be remaining by you of y^e last years remains, and as she goes up to y^e Fort order y^e Commander to take in whatever bales shall be in readiness in any of our Northern Factories subordinate to Fort St. George.

No dyett money to be allowed to unmarried men att Cossumbazar.

32. Wee observe y^t some of our unmarried servants at Cossumbazar and we have too much cause to fear at other places likewise doe absent themselves from our public tables and crave an allowance of dyet money which wee will not allow to any unmarried which keep not houses by themselves, and to such

no more than may serve for y^{e} dyet of a single person at our public table which wee know is very little in y^{t} Country, therefore wee expect y^{t} our Present Agent and Councill should retrench our charge in all places by reforming y^{t} notorious abuse.

John Hilman a weaver listed a soldier for this hip.

There is one John Hilman a weaver y^{t} takes passage on this ship and is listed for a soldier, he hath laid out 30ꝑ in providing 4 brass rodds and two Trewatts necessary for y^{e} weaving trade he being skilled in making plushes, if he be imployed by you and bring those rods and trewatts into our service, you are to reimburse him y^{e} 30ꝑ.

34. Wee send you on y^{e} *Persia Merchant* Mr. Thomas Mackenth whom we have entertained as our factor, and Mr. William Marshall as one of our writers, whom we would have you dispose of as may be most for our service.

Edward Dean sent in dyer in black.

35. Wee have entertained Edward Dean Sowton an able Artist well qualified in dying black silkes for 5 years certain at y^{e} sallary of 50℔ a year to commence from y^{e} time of his arrivall in y^{e} Bay, and have taken bond of him not to desert our service before y^{e} expiration of y^{t} term, he is to receive 25*s.* of his sallary from you, y^{t} rest is to be paid to his wife here, and he is to have his dyet at y^{e} Companie's charge.

John Gerrard dyes in Colours.

36. Wee have also entertained John Gerrard one skilled in dying colours, who takes his passage on this ship, and is to serve us y^{e} same term, and on y^{e} same conditions as Mr. Sowton is agreed with all. Herewith we send you a perfect list of y^{e} goods wee would have provided. Wee have not else to add, but commending you and our affairs to y^{e} guidance and protection of y^{e} Almighty.

Wee remaine,

Your loving friends,

Signed JOSEPH. ASH, *Governor.*

JOSA. CHILD *Dept.*,

JAMES EDWARDS.

JOHN MOORE.

WM. SEDGWICK.

WM. TURNER.

PETER DANIELL.

EDWARD BOUVERIE.

RICH. HUTCHINSON.

CHRIS. BOON.

BENJ. BATHURST.

SAML. DASHWOOD.

JOSEPH HERNE.

London, 24th October 1684.

Our Agent and Councill in y^{e} Bay of Bengall.

Injury in coining of Bullion.

Wee have very much to write concerning y^{e} disposition and coining of our Bullion wherein we have cause to apprehend we have been infinitely injured for many years in y^e Bay, and most of all in y^e last year of Mr. Vincent, whither it be better or worse since his time we must suspend our Censures till we have you next books, but most certainly there is no one thing deserves soe much your especiall care and reformation as y^t wee are writing to you of.

Dollars coining into rupees lose at least 3 in dollars.

Wee cannot now give you y^e particulars of y^e abuse nor by what steps it hath grown upon us in y^t Agency, but in generall by y^e nearest computation, we can make our dollars in exchange or coyning into rupees makes us there communities Annis 3rd at least in each dollar, of which we shall write you with more certainty, and more at large as soon as our bookeeper can draw out those abstracts we have ordered him to prepare for y^t purpose.

In y^e meantime we would have you not faile by y^e best means you can to advise us by y^e first what is y^e lightest standard y^t y^e Sheroffs in y^e Bay compute their gold and silver by, and in what proportion each standard declines as we in England doe from 24 Carr^{ts} fine for gold to 4 g^r in each Ca^{rrt}, and ¼ of a grain in each g^r and from 12 oz. fine for silver by penny weights and grains to 11 oz. 2 D^n our English Standard for silver, and lower if it be worse than standard.

Send account of weights by which weights gold, &c.

Send us likewise an exact account of all y^e severall weights by which you sell gold and silver, with their severall denominations, from y^e highest to y^e lowest, vizt as in England we sell gold by y^e oz. which is 12 oz, 1 oz is 20 D^n and 1 dwt is 24 g^r, and advise how your weights hold out in proportion with y^e weights we use in England.

Wee remaine,

Your loving friends,

Signed JOSA. CHILD, *Dept.*
JAMES EDWARDS.
JOHN MOORE.
THOMAS CANHAM.
JEREMY SAMBROOK.
WM. GOULSTON.
EDWD. RUDGE.
WM. SEDGWICK.
RICH. HUTCHINSON.
EDWD. BOUVERIE.
CHRIS. BOON.

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To the Houble Wm Gyfford Esqre Presidt & Governr for affairs of ye Honble English East India Compa on ye Coast of Cormendell & Bay of Bengall &ca Councell.

Most honrd Sr

We have recd yor honrs four letters dated the 15th 16th 18th & 20th ult.

Yor honr by yors of ye 15th hath respect to ye cases of Mr. Threddar, wth-drawing of ye Factories at Pattana and Dacca, Mony at Interest, Mr. Gough, and wt we should doe in case of their prosecuting ye Nabob's order touching ye affairs at Cassimbazar, & we give you our thanks for your argueing ye matter relateing to ye severall particulars mentioned and giveing us yor opinion thereon.

Mr. Threddar who designed at his first comeing downe from Cassimbazar to goe wth Agent Hedges, hath (we know not for wt reason) of himselfe, declined that way, he is now in ye Factory and hath not made any application to us for his goeing home or upon any other acct wt he doth, we shall act as is adviseable Mature consideration.

We see yet more & more reason to take into consideration the wthdrawing ye Factories of Pattana & Dacca, we have been soe abused in both, at present Mr. Pownsett cant by any means obtaine a Dastic for the goods ready there to bring ym downe, and goeing for it lately & presseing hard, instead of haveing it granted, was told yt ye Nabob would turne our Factoryes out of Bengall, but till we have mony to pay our debts at Interest, at neither place can it be done, as yor honr under the sence thereof urge us well. If we could take up mony there to pay off ye debt there we certainely doe it, But yt cant be, mony being exceeding scarce here & people dissatisfyed wth dissatisfaction seems to abate, for since we have pd one parson yt was most sollicitious, we have not had any further demand.

It hath always been the Custome of ye place to give our notes for mony at interest to pay demand and otherwise they will not lett it, but seldom or ever aske there mony under six or twelve months or till we please, and formerly 'twas a thing as much desired by us as ym, we useing to take mony for a ℘sent occasion, & wn yt was over to send for ye ℘sons concerned to take their mony; here are few if any yt offer us mony at Interest and tis hard (wn we need it) to procure it, soe yt wn we need we cant pick & choose for wch reason we cant make our owne terms but are glad to take it at theires.

Mr. Gough, for some time after yor honr departed from this place, lodged in ye Factory & came to ye Compas table, but after a while wthdrew to Agent Hedges. While here he used to speake of his goeing wth Capt Browne & comeing for an order of ye Capts to receive him wch was one of his usuall tricks; upon ye 26th December Agent Hedges of a suddain as if he was affrighted (whether reall or pretended we cant learne) but he gives out 'twas occasioned by advice he recd yt ye Nabob had ordered ye Phousdar to seize him and send him to Dacca about Haggerstone's business, went aboard his ship and such was his fear yt he sent to ye Dutch derectore for one of his boats & flagg to carry him downe but was denyed, wth him went Mr. Gough and hath kept aboard ever since wth Agent Hedges, Mr. Douglass and his Lady went hence ye 31st December, and 'tis said they are gone and no doubt but yt Mr. Gough is gone wth them, soe that there is noe preventing his going but by fetching him by force from aboard ye ship, but we are of yor honors opinion (especially considering our ℘sent circumstances) to lett him goe.

The trouble Cassimbazar are great, ye Phousdar hath sent one Benadas (formerly an Officer under Bolchund wth Horse and foote, who lay seige to ye Factory fireing some gunns, and have besett ye Passages yt they can neither gett goods off nor come themselves.

We have wrote to Mr. Pownsett as effectually as we can to sollicitt ye accommodating ye Matters, it being his apprehension as well as Mr. Charnocks yt ye not giving a ꝑsent upon yor honrs comeing and ye change of ye Agent hath been the occation yt ye Nabob receives soe eisily ye reports against us, wch from this place, Ballasore and Cassimbazar are gone up to the Phousdar of this place being greatly incenced at ye accidentall killing ye man & boy and since yt ye * Royatt at Ballasore hath write to ye Nobob & Duan yt we grow rich & proud, and have brought gunns at Souldiers & many more English then usuall into ye country &ca wch ye Nabob hath caused to be write in their Wackee or news book to ye King, we have order'd a present to ye amt of wt Mr. Pownsett advised wn yor honr was here was necessary & ye Agent hath written an Arsdust to ye Nabob (ye coppye whereof we send you) wch order & Arsdust was sent ye 19th December but yet have not answere from thence.

We have improved wt time more urgent occations for ꝑsent getting ready goods for ye *Ann* would admitte in translateing wt needfull for ye dispatch of ye Veckeel to Court, who in few days will be going on her way.

The Coppie Books and ye papers referred to in or generall to ye Honble Compa are gone home by ye *Henry and Wm* all but ye † 9ber consultation at Cassimbazar & Mr. Charnock's derection about making Saltpetre wch not to our hands till after she was gone, but will be sent by ye *Ann*.

Wee are of ye same opinion concerning ye affaires att Cassimbazar wch yor honr gives us in yors of ye 16th past in answer to ours of ye 10th ditto and are glad yt you confirme us therein having before we recd it given order yt wt ever ye event was they should not yield to Mr. Charnock's goeing to Dacca or ye payment of ye 43,000 Rs. most unjustly adjudged by ye Cozzee & Confirmed by ye Nabob, nor comply wth any other overtures yn decideing ye defference between ym & ye Picazes by Merchts & ordered if nothing we could doe would prevent what they attenmpt (viz. to have Mr. Charnock up & as to pay that mony), yt Mr. Charnock should come away wth ye rest of ye Honble Compas Servants leaving on ye doors a List of ye Countreys debt in English, Perca and Hindoostan, soe, far we have gone agreeing wth yor opinion, we had advice prio present, that they attempting to send of goods by stealth were discover'd & all was stop'd, and they prevented in their design, Benedas lying in Cassimbazar wth his horse and foot to watch ym, soe yt they have done nothing since this astool came down have not had any silke come in, or people to pack up wt they have prized, suffer'd to come near ym, soe that we cant see how wee shall send away ye *Ann* Laden, yer goods at Dacca & Maulda being stop'd also and will till the Nabob be appeased.

As occasions offer we shall consider yor honrs advice about wthdrawing to Ballasore wth wt relates thereunto wth respects also to our former determinations in Councell, nothing but extremity shall induice us to doe anything contray thereunto.

Your honrs of ye 18th December in answer to ors of 13th ditto gives us yor opinion about ye dispatch of ye *Defence* and considering ye Petre & Turmerick is come downe shall not trouble yor honr wth debating wth you, ye usefullness of her stay as we apprehend, having determined ye shall goe wth wt Petre & Turmerick we can gett aboard by ye 10th or 15th inst at farthest; ye Pattana Boats arrived wth us ye 31st past in ye evening, but we are at a loss for sloops to carry it downe; ye Pillot of ye *Good hope & Madapollam* are gone to ye Road wth ye *Ann & Henry & Wm*; ye letter we dispatcht ye 23th Ult; the *Good hope* went wth 1,000 bags sugar to ye *Bengal Mercht* ye Master of wch Piloted ye *Ann* downe ye River, ye Master of ye *Madapm* they took aboard (as he was comeing up) to Pilote ye *Henry & Wm* & left ye Sloop to be brought up by his mate, who cast her aground upon a sand over against Balchunes house, a little below ye Dutch Factory upon ye 8th past were she was like to be lost, but have hopes to save her, but cant gett her of till next spring tide, but ye *Arrivall* being ready to goe downe wth 1,000 bags of Sugar, we stay'd her till his honrs ship was ready and in ye mean time ye Petre boats come, wch laden to ye consideration, yt, we having stay'd Sherman to Pilot yor ship some days (there being not another expecte till ye 8th inst. at soonest) yor honr would not be displeased if we had stay'd yor ship 2 days to take in some bags of Petre, and goe downe wth Sherman wch would countervaile ye want of ye *Maddapollam's* time lost by ye ill accident aforesaid, we have pd ye usuall freight for ye carrying of ye Petre, of 20 Rupe for a 100 Maund wch will make up ye loss of that little time and doe the Company good service wch we doubt not yor honr will be pleased with.

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* Riot.

† November.

We shall continue our advices as there is occasion, as knowing twill be of more concernment then ye little charge twill put ye Honble Compa to.

The Remain of yor Honrs letter relates to ye Cassimbazars affaire, to wch we cant say more yn we have said & concur wth you in every point.

The *Bengall Merch^t^* is not yet dispatched nor like to be this eight or ten days, and wn she is we shall not be able to send in her above 360 Tonns of Sugar being not to be had of any sort, four Ships from Surratt and two Large Duch Ships Lading Sugars have had occasion for soe much that ye demand hath outdone whatever used to be made in ye Country by farr, and we never thinking yn a Ship bigger yn of 300 or 350 Tonns to come up to this place & take them in here could ever be designed for Persia, made provision for noe more in time, soe yt this disapoyntmt could not be avoyed.

We shall be very glad to here yt ye *Syam Mercht* did arrive in time at Metchlepa for the Persia freight agree for by Mr. Freeman.

Your Honrs last letter of ye 22nd from on board ye *Resolution*, ye purport of wch being ye agreemt made wth ye Merchts of Ballasore according to ye Honble Compas order & yor example of Madras wch we are huge glad you have accomplished hopeing it may be a presidt to lead others on (if we hereafter see better times) towards wch we shall use our utmost endevours.

We are glad also to here yt there is more goods to come in att Ballasore up there investmt & others yt may be bought of ye Merchts to stay for there mony till some come but yt they should come me *be sorted* & sent aboard *Defence*, by ye 10th or 15th inst. seem to us improbable, but if they should be ready & sent aboard the *Defence*, yn we doe not yet see ye *Ann* can goe to save her passage this year, for if ye Cassimbazar, Dacca & Maulda goods come not in time it cant possibly be done, we have but little hopes to see an end of these troubles and or goods be admitted to come downe in time, soe yt we have dependence on any goods but at Ballasore & here to load ye *Ann* who yett wants 1500 bales to compleat her Tunage.

January the 6th 168$\frac{4}{5}$

Your honrs ship being not yet ready & seeing her goeing into Ballasore will caus some stop, we have thought best to send this by a French Sloop yt goes imediately to Fort, and ye rather because we have hopes ye said Sloop may arrive before Agent Hedges (who went hence last weeke but was to stay some time below to cut wood and in Ballasore Road) wch we shall be very glad if soe fall out, Mr. Rob Hedges being run away from us wthout makeing up his accts giveing noe notice to the Agent or any other in ye Factory, and it was soe long before we had any notice yt we could not fetch him up before he gott aboard ye *Recovery* who was falan downe as low as Kedgeree staying there for Mr. Letton, who was left behind to finish Agent Hedges business wth whome upon ye 2d inst. Mr. Robt. Hedges went we hear downe:

Mr. Robt. Hedges had applyed himselfe to ye Agent for leave to goe wth his unckle but was denyed, after wch he asked to be admitted to goe to Persia on ye *Bengall Mercht* wch was also denyed, he seemed not to be concerned but sett about makeing up his accts, and he haveing kept noe books, ye Agent appointed Mr. Stafford to assist him in framing out his papers, as a Journall & Leiger wch he attended upon 3 or 4 days, seeming to be well contented yt he was not admitted to goe home, soe yt there was noe suspicion of ye design wch was for his running away.

As soon as we found it probale yt wt we heard was true, we drew up ye inclosed protest declared it in ye Factory & send it to Ballasore to be delivered wth directions about it, but we doubt, whether it may reach him, we have therefore sent another to you to ℘ sent (if it be not thought adviseable to stop ye ship) which * twill be necessary some yt are to go home to England, see ye delivery of, Mr. Robt. Hedges is gone away a great debter to ye Honble Compa as we perceive by wt we have already come to ye knowledge of, altho' his acc^{ts} are not made up yet wherefore tis of great necessity y^{t} either y^{e} ship be stop'd (if they refuse to deliver him) or to serve y^{e} Protest upon y^{e} persons concerned in y^{e} carrying him away.

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* It will.

We are

Honble S^{r} &^{ca}

Your most humble Servants,

JOHN BEARD.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RICH^{d} TRENCHFIELD.

EDW. OXBOROUGH.

Dacca December 15th 1684.

R^{T} Worsp^{LL} Jn^{O} Beard E^{SQ} &^{CA} Councells, S^{RS}

Yours of y^{e} 15th inst. came to our hand, we are very Sensible of y^{e} ill condition of the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} affairs & M^{r} Charnock &^{c} at Cassimbazar having had y^{e} relation thereof from y^{m}selves, but to remedy is not in our power, some people who where our seeming friends before now appear to be our implacable enemys, but beleiveing y^{e} notorious lyes writen hither by Mellick Burcoodar, Cremalmalk, we cannot boldly appear to let y^{e} Nabob know anything, for we have none who will speak in our behalfe, tis impossible y^{t} y^{e} Nabob should beleive all he hears against us, but he must seem to be angry till a ꝑsent comes w^{ch} we hope is one y^{e} way, y^{n} we may be also in hopes of some favour from him.

Mr. Charnock must by no meains stir out of y^{e} Factory, (he must not come to Dacca for fear to be trapped), yesterday a lett^{r} came from Cremalmalk to y^{e} Nabob advising him y^{t} Mr. Charnock was sick, but as soon as he was well he would send him, also Counselled y^{e} Nabob to seize on John Pownsett keeping him in prison & he would soon consent to y^{e} payment of y^{e} some demanded, this morning came 3 or 4 Chupdars to o^{r} house to call him, we would not let him goe but sent our Vakeele at w^{ch} Cassidas was very angry, saying y^{e} English themselves must come & pay y^{e} Cassimbazar people their debts.

When y^{e} ꝑsent comes twill (in our opinions) be convenient y^{e} Worsp^{ll} Agent writes an arrurdust to y^{e} Nabob that he hath sent him a ꝑsent to be held by us (leaving out y^{e} particular things for tho' you keep us to y^{e} quantity to give, we presume you will not to y^{e} quallity), & therein also desire a Parwanna for y^{e} business at Cassimbazar to be arbitrated by Merch^{ts}, y^{e} release of our success in y^{e} Debekmundun, his exacting money from your Gomosticks, all other grievances you think of for as yett we cannot open our mouths about any thing w^{t} soe ever; we have 74 Bales and Chests of Cloth layen ready packed severall days by us, but cannot gett admitance to pass them, tho' we have proffered Cassidas $\overset{\text{Rups.}}{500}$ and Draram his Kinsman $\overset{\text{Rups.}}{200}$ to give us dusticks to pass our cloth, never were we in such a condition since any of us knew y^{e} country, we are forced to buy dusticks for peons and come in Merch^{ts} names & not our own.

We hope you have written sufficiently to Surat concerning Haggerstone so y^{t} Caar Jullba Cawn y^{e} Suba there will get *a mahazars* of y^{e} s^{d} Haggerston's actings, we have a translate of y^{e} acc^{t} but are sorry y^{e} Surat Ships are gone y^{t} we cannot have a mahazar as Jno Pownsett desired from the R^{t} Worsp^{ll} Agent; Mellick Burcoodar hath given y^{e} s^{d} Haggerstone a Mahazar, y^{e} Agent Hedges did rob him of mony & goods (as we have heard) to y^{e} vallue of $\overset{\text{Rupees}}{160000}$, y^{e} Vakeele y^{t} acts for him is Mellick Burcoodar his owne Vakeele; Gongaram y^{e} Dutch Vakeele doth now & then(in his behalfe) put in a word or two for him, his cheife place for radevousse is Mirra Muddaffer house where are all y^{e} Consultations how y^{e} business is to be acted, we have great reason to beleive y^{e} s^{d} Mirra (notwthstanding his promise to us to y^{e} contrary) does recommend him and his business to them who are able to doe him kindness, y^{e} s^{d} Haggerstone does frequent y^{e} Dutch house alsoe and make much trouble, we have nothing to shew against him, and he hath a Mahazar from Mellick Burcoodar, and other against us, we call not else to mind at ꝑsent but remaine.

R Worsp^{ll} S^{rs}

Yo^{r} very hum^{ble} Servants

JOHN POWNSETT.

CHARLES EYRE.

SAM^{LL} MEVERALL *Jun^{r}.*

P.S.—Pray send us 4 or 5 looking glasses large wth Invoyces of Gunns &^{ca}, and if you can spare us 2 or 3 more of y^{e} fowleing peeces twill be very well for they very plaseing, we have disposed of 3 all-ready.

Herewth comes coppy of a pair of o^{r} Gen^{ll} books (for last year) fair written for England, w^{n} M^{r} Crose went hence he promised to coppy our bar last years charges Gen^{ll} for England, w^{ch} if he has not done, pray send y^{t} w^{ch} you have, & we will have another coppy (to remain in Hugly) written as soon as we have an assistant, for one we much want, being something behind hand in our writeing worke.

J. P.

C. E.

S. M.

May it Please Yo^{r} Excellency

The English have for more then 50 years as Merch^{ts} resided here & have from y^{e} Hon^{ble} Ccmp^{a} every year rec^{d} great treasure w^{ch} hath been coyned & Imprest to Picars & Merch^{ts} to bring us in goods made in y^{e} Country by wth many Lacks of People are imploy'^{d} & have there lively hood & are enabled to pay there pole mony & other dutys to y^{e} great increase of y^{e} King's Revenues in all w^{ch} time we have not wronged, defrauded, spoiled or killed any man, neather doe we owe any man any thing but have been allways ready to pay every man his just due, giveing y^{m} our mony long before we have our goods, and by yo^{r} Excellency's favour we have had quiett & peace all yo^{r} time till of late w^{n} Persons for there owne base ends have misrepressented us to yo^{r} Excellency falsely accuseing us & so to our great greife we are not held in your esteeme as formerly w^{ch} y^{e} Govern^{rs} of y^{e} severall Countrys takeing notice of abuse & Injure us to y^{e} height y^{t} tis intollerable, soe y^{t} we have noe words to Express how great our Injuryes are by stoping our goods protesting our debters, by w^{ch} our shipps cant be laden in time to goe home to our vast damage, in Perticular at Cassimbazar we gave out our mony two years since and yett have not our goods to y^{e} am^{t} of 15000 Rupees, y^{e} Merch^{ts} to whome we gave our mony being encouraged by y^{e} Govern^{rs} to quarrell wth us, & will not have y^{e} difference decided by Merch^{ts} according to custome of all Countrys, but appeale to yo^{r} Excellency who we hear hath sent for Mr. Charnock to come to have y^{e} difference decided at Dacca w^{ch} we hope yo^{r} Excellency will not insist upon, the designe of our Factory there being cheifly to negotiate for us to avoid y^{e} hindring of our affairs by y^{e} sending up others, we are not willing to wrong any man but will pay according to w^{t} is every man's due as its decided by Merch^{ts} and if this cant be granted to, w^{t} purpose should we stay in y^{e} Country, we have long of opinion under y^{e} circomstances we are now, we had better be gone, and if we have not redress, its y^{e} Honble. Comp^{as} Command we shall wthdraw, and in compliance therewith we must doe it w^{t}ever y^{e} Issue be, we offer this to you wth grived minds in hopes yo^{r} great wisdome & Goodness will take y^{e} matter into yo^{r} consideration and afford us yo^{r} wanted favoures.

Whereas Wm Hedges Esqre, late Agent in Bengall for ye affairs of ye Honble ye Governr and Compa of Merchts of London tradeing into ye East Indies, Mr. Nathaniel Letton, Mercht, & Mr. Robt Dowglasse, Chirurgeon late Servants to ye sd Honble Compa in Hugly being all three Owners of ye Ship *Recovery* and all imbarqued upon her for a Voyadge to Persia or Bossora wch Ship is Commanded by John Hampton as Master under ym & is maned with severall English Officers & Seamen besides ye Natives of this Country, and whereas Richd Gough who came lately out of England as one of ye Agents Councell for ye sd Honble Compas affairs in this place, & Robt Hedges, late Factor for ye sd Honble Compas affairs at Rajamard, both servants to ye sd Honble Compa, the latter not haveing cleared or given any acct of his Trust, but is indebted to ye sd Honble Compa in a very great some of mony, both of ym contrary to ye trust Reposed in them and wthout cause given by us have been deluded by ye sd Wm Hedges Esq, Nathaniel Letton, Mercht, Robt Dowglasse, Chirurgeon, and others to run away from ye sd Honble Compas Service and they are now both of ym run away from ye sd Honble Compas service and are entertained aboard ye sd Ship *Recovery* by ye sd Wm Hedges, Nathaniel Letton, Robt Dowglasse, John Hampton &c officers & Seamen to ye great damage of ye Governr & Compa aforesaid & of orselves and others, Wee therefore ye Agent & Councell for ye affaires of ye Honble the Govrnr & Compa aforesd in Bengall & doe in ye behalfe of ye sd Governr & Compa and their successors and in ye behalfe of ourselves & of all & every Person or Persons herein concerned make this our Lawfull declaration & Protest against you, ye aforesd Wm Hedges Esqre, Nathaniell Letton, Mercht, Robt Dowglasse, Chirurgeon, John Hampton, Master and all ye officers & Seamen now serveing under them in ye sd ship against ye sd ship *Recovery* & all other owners & Cargo & also against ye Person of ye sd Richd Gough & Robt Hedges & against all other Persons aiding, abetting & assisting ye sd Richd Gough & Robt Hedges in there so running away & declare all and every one of you Joyntly & Severally liable to make full satisfaction unto ye sd Honble Compa and there successors and to us & every other person for sd Governr & Compa concerned for all such losses & damages as now are or hereafter shall be sustained any waies to ye sd Governr & Compa or there successors or by ourselves or by any other Person wtsoever by ye Reason of ye Flight of Richd Gough and Robt Hedges aforesaid or by any other waies or means wtsoever hereto belonging. Dated in Hugly the fifth day of January 1684.

Signed and Published in Hugly Factory
this 5th day of January 168⅘
In Presnce of us
JOHN GOLSBOROUGH.
JOSEPH SAFFORD.
SAMLL PIM.
JOHN BEARD JUNR.

JOHN BEARD.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
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Hugly, 12th January 168⅘.

To the Honble Wm Gyfford Esqre Govern of Fort St George & City of Madras Presidt & Councill for affairs of the Honbl English East India Compa in the Coast of Cormandll Bay Bengal &ca

Most Honble Srs

Our last to yor Honr &c was the first & 6th Instant by the *St Joseph* a French Sloop whereof is Commandr Monsir Bertrand, who promiseth wth great care to deliver it. He goeing directly to the Fort wthout staying by the way, was the reason we sent by him.

This goes by the *Defence* upon whom besides her owne Quintelage we have ship'd 4000 bags of Petre & 4000 bags of Turmerick, and Provisions for the Fort as ꝑ bill of Lading & Invoice wch goes herewith, ye amt of wch is Rs : 28810:7:6.

We are now in great doubt whether we shall send the *Ann* away time enough to have her packages, We have not any goods from Dacca, Maulda or Cassimbazar but wt went aboard the *Henry* & *Wm* neither are we like to have. The Nabob is still in ye same humour he was wn we writ you last, being kept warm by or Phousdar & ye Phousdar of Maxadavad their Informations, who have all occasions to write (adding & aggravateing) complaints against us. We had dependance on some small part of ye *Anns* Lading from Ballasore. But we are advised from thence yt ye goods there are stop'd by ye Rajah of ye Country where ye goods are made. The occasion as follows. The last yeare ye Nabob of Dacca gott this Rajah into his hands & would not part with him under ye Ransome of three lacke of Rupees, wch was at last agreed, and ye sd Rajah leaves Hostages, and ye Nabob sent wth him a guard of his owne Peons, who continue wth him till he raise ye mony. Now is ye time it seems for one Paymt, wch is 60000 Rupees, & he stopps all ye goods of his Country to raise ye mony upon ye poor people, wch falls out at an ill season for us.

The goods we have here, wo want Sloops to carry down. The *Madapollam* having been cast aground and lain there ever since ye 28th Decemr till ye 11th instant, and now she is off, is soe disabled yt for ye present is of no use, Mr Herron & Mr Scott went 23th Decr to carry down ye *Ann* & ye *Henry & Wm* and wth ye *Good hope* who is not returned yett. We were forced to send ye Petre & Turmerick upon Boras & Purgoes, & must doe ye like with some of our Bale goods too.

It was not possible ye *Defence* should have been dispatcht sooner except she should have gone wth her Quintelage wch would have been to no purpose.

Mr. Ley continues in very weake condition, Mr. Trenchfeild under great indisposition, all ye rest of ye Factory in health.

We are

Honble Sr &ca.

Your most humble Servants

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Ballasore, 3rd Janry 168$\frac{4}{5}$.

To the Honble Wm Gyfford Esqre Residt & Councill for affairs of the Rt Honble English East India Compa on ye Coast of Cormandell and Bay Bengall.

Gentlemen Salut

We owe answers to Mr. Elihu Yale & Councell from ye Fort, off ye 13th October last, & too ye Presidents from a board Ship *Loyall Resolution* of ye 23rd Decembr last.

By ye first we noate ye arrivall of ye Sloop *James*, ye error in ye Invoice we have Rectified, as for ye goods we could have wished they had been better, however its best as we say, to make ye best of a bad markett.

Our charges on ye Sloop *James*, we have accounted wth Hugly as we must doe wth all things, since its soe, tho good by our Imployers the Ship *Defence* you will have heard of her arrivall, but wn she shall depart is yett unknowne, by reason of many Inconveniences we mett with in our affairs, soe from ye one, as from ye other as for instance since ye Presidts departure the great Roger of ye woods here about now stops all goods by reason he wants mony, and till these people have performed his desires, itt cannot be expected they will be cleared, wch stopt, hath & doth us great harme in or Honble Compas affairs being account every dayes loose of yor affaires very disastrous.

We cannot doe heare as we should but we must doe and doe wt we can. By ye Presidts letter we noate ye reason ye Capt would not signe ye bills of Lading by reason of ye want of Receipts the goods being shipt of in such hast hath partly occasioned itt, as yett we want Receipt wch if we receive not, we shall send coppies of those we want out our Coppy booke wth ye marks and numbers attested by us, as long as we send goods in Purgos we must expect now & yn a Receipt will be wanting, we shall prevent it wt we can, wth ye first oppertunity those we have shall be sent to ye Fort where we wish & hope his Honr will be arrived ere yt to whome we jointly present our due Respects.

In answer to wt we wrote to Agent & Councell att Hugly in ours dated 16th Decemr last by orders of ye Presidt concluding ye not signed of Capt Willshaw's bills of Lading, they answer us this in theirs off 23 Decembr 1684.

Mr. Stables had all ye Receipts of wt goods shipt hence upon ye *Resolution* except ye goods by Ship *Thomas,* who went downe but three days before ye *Presidt*, ye Master had order to inclose ye receipt in a letter to Mr. Stables & leave itt aboard wch he did accordingly and give itt into Mr. Willshaws hand, telling him wt it was and came away persueing his orders, and mett ye Presidt ye next day, just comeing into ye Road, soe yt Mr. Willshaw is to blame he did not deliver it. Inclosed said bills of Lading Inclosed we send ye Invoices of goods shipt aboard by us heare in ye Ships *Loyall Resolution* and ye *Beaufort.* Those in ye *Beaufort* are according to our acct & books whereon if ye Capt should make any exceptions we judge it most convenient he doth itt underneath his bills of Loading we haveing done wt we could in them to prevent mistakes, *vizt :* for goods aboard ye *Loyall Resolution* Capt Willshaw Rs. 33672 anns 10 & 3 pi, goods aboard ye *Beaufort* Capt Nicholson Rs. 134546 anns 9 & 9 pi, likewise ye Receipts as we have them are sent you herewth of goods aboard Ship *Beaufort.*

Wch being ye needful we call to mind for the present, saving that we subscribe ourselves to be & Remaine.

Your Friends and Servants

WM FITTZHUGH.

WM PRICKMAN.

HEN. STANLEY.

Ballasore 18th Febrry 168$\frac{4}{5}$

To the Hon ye Presidt WM GYFFORD Governr for Coast Cormandell & Bay of Bengal
& Councill for ye Rt Hon English East India Compa

GENTELMEN

Our last to you was on ye 3 January 168$\frac{1}{3}$ then advised wt we knew needfull, since wch time we having here peones of Metchlepatam left, we have thought it convenient to let you by this convaiance here from us, the Ship *Ann* sayled out this Road on ye 14th ditto being full laden, ye Sloops were forced to carry some bales Cotton yarne back she could not take in and att Hugly are severall goods arrived from Decca & Maulda came to late for ye *Ann*, all wch will make well for next Shiping. Our Merchts here will not be brought to wt ye Presidt proposed to ym wn they were wth him att ye point of Sand on last December in bringing ym to make soe many Sheres in makeing a joynt stock amongst themselves, and they to answer the bad debts that may happen alledgeing they cannot answer ye one for ye other in such a case but for wt each particular is intrusted wth they will, and since ye President's departure insteade of furnishing us wth goods after the remains should have been brought in by them we have not been able to bring them too letting us have our remains, but have been forced at last to take such goods as we could gett, are not these sad People to make such fare promises and to slight perfermances, for other afayres we referr you to Agent and Councell att Hugly, wherewth concluding for ye ꝑsent. Saving that we subscribe ourselves to be and Remaine

Your Friends and Servants.

WM FITTZHUGH.

WM PRICKMAN.

HEN. STANLEY.

Hugly 25th February. 168⅘

To ye Honble WM GYFFORD Esqre Governr of Fort St George & Citty of Madrasse,
Presidt & Councell for affairs of the Honble English East India Compa
on the Coast of Cormandel, Bay of Bengall &ca

MOST HONRD SRS

Ours to yr Honr &ca was ye 6th & 10th Inst. by the Sloop *Thomas*, Henry Wheadon, Master, since wch we have advice from Ballasor (wch came to hand last night) yt ye Shipp *Eagle* arrived ye 8th Inst. The Agent recd a letter from Capt John Bonnell, in generall acquinting him that he had an unfortunate voyage, lost 32 men, and is in ill condition, desireing to know wn we shall dispatch him, which considering we can have no Prospect of, in our Circumstances, and also ye great difficulties of getting Provision off from Ballasore &ca we have proposed to him, and advised his comeing with ye River (order him we cannot).

2. There is come upon ye sd ship but twentyone Chests of Ryall, & one Chest of Gold, wch will not amount to so much as we sent in Gold to ye Fort, by ye *Resolution*, so yt this mony will but pay for wt goods were sent upon ye *Ann* and *Henry & Wm*, and those that came from Dacca & Maulda wch are about 180 Chests, & came too late from those places to be ship'd this Monsoon.

3. Wee perceive, by a letter from Sr Josiah Child to ye Agent, that ye *Eagle* departed not from England till May last, being driven back to Plimouth. We have a short letter from ye Honble ye Governr &ca a coppie of wch we herewth send, together wth wt letters came for yor parts.

4. Wee shall give yor Honor &ca a briefe acct of ye present state of ye Honble Compas affaires here with respect to ye next Monsoon.

The November Bund for Silk is lost for want of mony to give out this is ye time to give out for March Bund wch also will be lost for ye same reason.

5. Besides, at this time of ye year, there used to be mony given out in all Factoryes, for Cloth to come in, in order, to be sorted & embaled, for wch we have not any mony now to give out.

6. Soe yt there being three large ships, vizt. ye *Defence*, *Resolution* & ye Eagle, to be provided for, wch cant be till mony arrive by ye next Shipping, wch tis probable, will be soe late, yt it cant be coyn'd in time to give out for goods, for besides ye continuall troubles & stopps on ye Mint, they are such *a delotary* People, yt wn they have our treasure in, itt allways comes so slowly out, yt we can have no certain dependance upon them, and sell ye Treasure we cant wthout great losse. At best, a great part of ye mony that comes upon next shipping (which tis like may be four or five to ye Coast & Bay) will but provide for those that are allready here, soe that instead of a double stock to make timely provision and have goods att hand to send away ye ships in time, we have double ships for our stock wch causes affairs to drive heavily, & can be noe comfort to our minds, all yt can be said is, that there is a great sum of mony at Cassimbazar, but on yt we cant have noe dependance, it being in ye hand of merchts, Picars & Weavers, out of whose hands, tis like to be a great while ere wee can gett it.

7. Wherefore Wee beseech yo^{r} Hon^{r} &^{c} to lett us know whether you intend either y^{e} *Defence* or *Resolution* to returne to us to take in our Remains, & be filled up wth w^{t} we can procure or whether yo^{r} Hon^{r} &^{c} will provide for Shipps, and we shall load y^{e} *Eagle* here. Whatever of y^{e} ships shall arrive this year, these three wth y^{e} *Syam Merch*^{t} must be dispatcht next Monsoon, their time expireing in January next, & we cant foresee y^{t} we shall be able to load above one large & one small ship from hence at the utmost.

8. By our last we advised yo^{r} Hon^{r} &^{c} we had hopes y^{t} y^{e} troubles at Cassimbazar would soon blow over, y^{e} Nabob accepting our Present, But his Expectations are soe great from those Villains, he and his officers haveing been promised (as we hear) y^{e} greatest part of it, y^{t} he will not hear our Complaint, but insists on our paying y^{e} Rups. 43000 y^{e} forgiveing y^{e} 150000 Rs. in their hands. They are still beseidged att Cassimbazar, & from y^{t} Example, now in other Factories they begin to appeal to y^{e} Cozzee, in every thing small & great w^{ch} dreadfull effect of y^{e} late Agents not onely abetting & incourageing y^{e} Merch^{ts} &^{c} at Cassimbazar, but actually here putting controversies into y^{e} Governors hands is such y^{t} we cant sell a slave or correct a Servant, but they goe to y^{e} Governor wth Complaints, who summon us to appear, as in a case wth us about selling a slave this week.

9. Wee are indeavouring our utmost by all means to reduce things, leaving nothing undone for y^{e} accomplishing it, except in yielding to Mr. Charnocks going to Dacca, and y^{e} payment of y^{e} 43000 Rs. w^{ch} is y^{t} w^{ch} is insisted on by y^{e} Nabob.

10. Our Troubles hath another ill effect under w^{ch} we labour vizt: our Creditors at Cassimbazar, & other Factories importuning for their mony w^{ch} is near Six Lack of Rup^{s} without payment of w^{ch} tis impossible we can withdraw our Factories aloft & are more and more confirmed that its not to be done att all wthout y^{e} leave and assistance of y^{e} Governors & their people, as they by experience now find y^{t} made it an easy matter in the discourse on that subject. Before we can withdraw we must pay all our debts and sett things right w^{t}ever it cost, and if withdraw, w^{t}ever it cost must be putt to acc^{t} of oppression & wrong, and they must be reckoned wth for it hereafter.

11. Wee cant but represent to you y^{e} great & vast trouble and injury that hath redounded to y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} & us, by y^{e} Riotts committed att Ballasore, soe y^{t} after all endeavours besides great presents, nothing will doe but a writeing under y^{e} Agents hand, y^{t} no such thing shall be for y^{e} future, and if it be, y^{t} y^{e} Agent shall ingage under his chaup., to make satisfaction, w^{ch} to doe, is to run as high as they please themselves, being Judges of y^{e} satisfaction w^{ch} is to be made.

12. These are things y^{t} fall upon us by y^{e} Pride & folly of such Commanders of Ships as have been lately here, whose constant discourse is to lessen y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} & their Servants to y^{t} heigth y^{t} tis intolerable to be borne.

13. Wee beseech you, represent these things home for if y^{e} Cap^{ts} doe not carry themselves better, & govern their men att another rate, if all things else were well, yett there will be no liveing in this Country.

14. If these pittifull mercenary men have not their wills in every thing tis presently, they will doe our buisnes at home, we are in fine case, if every Cap^{t} (y^{t} is ignorant enough except in his own conceit) shall take upon him to judge of y^{e} Actions, & y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} affairs under y^{e} conduct of their servant here, But to y^{t} height are y^{e} grown, y^{t} they doe not onely censure their Serv^{ts} in India at their pleasure, but reflect upon y^{e} Honb^{le} Govern^{r} & Comp^{a} and their management of affairs of which sort you have some wth you w^{ch} wee shall not name.

15. If in y^{e} Charterpartie there may be some w^{t} inserted, that may oblige y^{e} Capt^{s} to govern their men better, and to pay y^{e} damage of what may fall on y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} upon y^{e} Riotts and misdemeanours of their men 'twill be well.

16. The *Defence* was dispatcht from Ballasore Road on y^{e} 4th Inst. whose second Bill of lading goes herewth.

17. The *Ann* sailed out of y^{e} Road 14th Inst. 3 aclock morning wth a fair wind, y^{e} Invoice of goods aboard her am^{t} to Rs. 611733-6-0 deducting thirty bales Cotton Yarn w^{ch} were sent back having noe room to stow y^{m}. Wee are

Hon^{ble} S^{r} &^{ca}

Your most humble Servants.

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THOMAS LEY.

EDW. OXBOROUGH.

Hugly 6th Febr^{y} 168$\frac{4}{5}$

To y^{e} Hon^{ble} W^{m} GYFFORD ESQ^{re} Govern^{r} of Fort S^{t}. George & Citty Madrass & Presid^{t} &^{ca} Councell for affairs of y^{e} Hon^{ble} English East India Comp^{a} on y^{e} Coast of Comandell Bay of Bengal &^{ca}

MOST HON^{R} S^{RS}

Our last to yo^{r} Hon^{r} &^{ca} was y^{e} 12th ult. by y^{e} *Defence* a Coppy of w^{ch} goes herew$^{th.}$

Wee writt you y^{n}, y^{t}. wee had ship'd aboard y^{e} *Defence* 4000 bags of Petre and 4000 bags of Turmeric, w^{ch} went upon Purgoes and Boraes a little before, presumeing they would goe safe, it being y^{n} fair weather at such time y^{t} we did not expect southerly winds, and had no other way to send itt down, our Sloops being all imploy'd in carrying down Sugar & Bale goods, and would be so little for y^{e} carrying down y^{e} Bale goods y^{e} next turne to the Ship *Ann*.

2. It soe fell out y^{t} y^{e} Purgoes (y^{t} went y^{e} 9th & 10th of Jan^{y}) after a long Passage down y^{e} River, being stop'd some time att Tanna by y^{e} Choukye there & y^{e} southerly winds setting in soe early w^{ch} was more y^{n} usuall, & w^{n} y^{e} came into y^{e} Road, y^{e} winds continuing in y^{e} quarter, blew so hard, y^{t} it brought in a very great Sea, and continuing to blow, forc'd some of y^{e} Purgoes upon y^{e} Lee Shoar, & beat y^{m} in peeces, others foundred in y^{e} Road, & most of y^{e} men lost, wee have notice of six were lost, & wth them 1900 bags of Petre, & 1075 bags of Turmerick, w^{t} more we gett have no Account.

3. Upon the first notice we order'd y^{t} Cap^{t} Heath should be dispatcht having noe way to send down more in time, & y^{e} Cap^{t} being impatient for fear he should not gett out of y^{e} Road.

4. There went in a Purgoe 614 baggs of Sugar for y^{e} *Bengall Merch^{t}* under y^{e} care of y^{e} Ship *Tho*: but it proveing calme about Kedgeree y^{e} Purgoe rowed away, & in y^{e} Road mett wth southerly winds, & since hath not been heard of, we writt to Mr. Safford (who went down in the Sloop *Tho*: to dispatch all y^{e} Ship in y^{e} Road) giveing him order, to dispatch y^{e} *Bengall Merch^{t}* forthwth lest his stay for y^{e} Purgoe might cause him to loose his voyage, being soe late.

5. Wee having not rec^{d} one Peece of goods from Dacca & Cassimbazar towards y^{e} Lading of y^{e} Ship *Ann*, did w^{t} we could to gett in goods here, and so succeeded, setting all hands to sort, y^{t} by y^{e} 30th Jan^{y} we had sorted, embaled & laden on y^{e} last Sloops, goods, to y^{e} amo^{t} of Rs : 520126 : 2^{a} 6^{p}. Besides w^{ch} they have laden upon said Ship, between two & three hundered bales of Cloth from Ballasore, and 300 bags of Cowries. On y^{e} 3^{d} Inst. y^{e} *Dispatch* wth Pacquet for Engl^{d} went down wth y^{e} last goods to Ballasore Road, wth orders to give a speedy dispatch to y^{e} s^{d} Ship, Mr. Safford being in y^{e} Road to y^{t} end.

6. Now are come down 39 Bales & Chests of goods from Dacca Mr. Pownsett having att last obtain'd a Distick for their comeing away. Wee should have ship'd on y^{e} Sloop *Thomas* as many as she could hold of said Baless & Chests & sent y^{m} to you, but we were of opinion 'twould be so great a Hazard to

send near a Lack of Rs: upon such a Vessell at this time of y^{e} year y^{e} Master being a Stranger in these parts, and must goe so far off to Sea, to reach y^{e} Fort, y^{t} 'twas doubtfull but y^{t} he would meet wth bad weather, & besides, he hath not any body wth him y^{t} is capable to manage y^{e} Navigable part of y^{e} Voyage, we have therefore sent him away wth Petre & Turmericke, Bill of Lading & Invoice come herewth amo^{t} to Rs : 923 : 0^{a} : 6^{p}.

7. Wee have not been able wth all Indeavours to accommodate y^{e} difference at Cassimbazar or to take y^{e} Nabob off from his demand of Mr. Charnock, or y^{e} paym^{t} of y^{e} 43000R^{s}: After two months y^{t} they have been beseiged as 'twere y^{e} Assoal or Messenger is gone to make his complaint, and hath carryed wth him to Dacca Attestations against us. Coppy of y^{e} last letter from thence we send your Hon^{r} &^{ca}:

8. Wee cant yield y^{m} any reliefe, all y^{e} Ships gone, the Sloops gone to y^{e} Road, except y^{e} small Sloop that is going to y^{e} Fort on w^{ch} is but two Englishmen besides y^{e} Master, by w^{ch} yo^{r} Hon^{r} &^{c}: may see, its not soe easy a matter, to wthdraw, as it hath been made, & indeed our People cant wthdraw from any Factory in y^{e} Country wthout y^{e} Govern^{rs} leave & tis now beyond all question, for they cannot come wthout y^{e} Countrys help, and if proclamation be made, y^{t} no one shall serve us, they dare not doe it.

9. Wee hear y^{e} Nabob is promis'd one third of w^{t} they gett of us, by his giveing y^{e} cause against us, w^{ch} is y^{e} main reason y^{t} he so stiffly adhears to those Villains, and y^{e} Phusdar, Cozzee and Muttsuddies are promised another third, upon w^{ch} y^{e} are all sett against us and make use of every petty thing to incense y^{e} Nabob adding and aggravateing things to y^{t} end.

10. And very unhappyly did y^{e} Ryott at Ballasore fall out at about y^{e} same time, w^{ch} was writt immediately to y^{e} Phousdar of this Place (who is also Phousdar & Doroga of y^{e} Customs at Ballasore) and aggravated to him by his Deputy, y^{t} soe inraged y^{e} Phousdar (being under apprehension y^{t} he was neclected, it readily took wth him) y^{t} he wrote to y^{e} Nabob & aggravated y^{e} matter, in such manner, y^{t} all our friends became o^{r} Enemies, & continue soe to bee saying, w^{t}, will y^{e} English take Prisoner y^{e} King's Standard, y^{e} Ensigne of his power & authority? w^{t} will they doe next? The Nabob writes this to y^{e} King & himself is inraged at y^{t} Information. The Captains make light of these things, nay, rather abett, y^{n} hinder their men, and are ready to revenge themselves, as we here some were going to doe att y^{e} time w^{n} this happen'd. We never hear of any Complaints against y^{e} Dutch of y^{t} nature, their men never give y^{e} least occasion of trouble to y^{e} Director &^{c}, they allways sending an officer ashoar wth their men, who is to give acco^{t} of y^{e} crew wth him, being exceeding cautious in all respects of giveing any offences to y^{e} Country.

11. Wee have wth all diligence apply'd o^{r}selves to y^{e} taking off y^{e} Phousdar, hee says, he cant be friends, haveing writt against us to y^{e} Nabob, and our offence is so great y^{t} he shall be brought under suspicion y^{t} he is an Enemy to y^{e} King, or y^{t} he hath taken a bribe of us.

12. Wee looke in a little time to be putt to a great Dilemma whether to stay, or betake ourselves to o^{r} sloops, both being of great difficutly to resolve about.

13. Wee have sign'd all Papers in Order to Mahmoodhurrifes going to y^{e} King, but he is not yett gone, after we had gott all translated w^{ch} was some time delay'd by our want of time, being imploy'd in getting goods ready for y^{e} *Ann*). The Vaqueels going was detarded by y^{e} objections he made aginst y^{e} Hon^{ble} Presidents letter to y^{e} King. Two things he stuck att, w^{ch} cost us some time to gett over (sending to Mr. Charnock for his opinion therein) viz^{t} First he objected against w^{t} was s^{d} y^{t} we had y^{e} King's gracious Phirmand, not to pay Custom &^{ca} Alledging we has no such Phirmand. The Phirmand being not directed to Nabob of Bengalla but to y^{e} Govern^{r} at Surratt, & y^{t} y^{e} letter would doe us great hurt if itt should bee delivered & himselfe brought under disgrace &^{ca}

The Second thing he objected against was y^{e} complaint against y^{e} Govern here, alledging y^{t} no Complaints are there rec^{d} wthout Mahuzzars or Attestations from credible Persons, and they are onely Musselmen (or true Beleivers) and y^{e} most was to have an Ameen (or Examiner) to come down att our charge to examine y^{e} matter of Complaints, w^{ch} would soe incese all y^{e} Govern^{rs} y^{t} they would bend all their Power & Interest ag^{t} us & would be beleived in w^{t} they said, & would not want Attestations against us, w^{n} we should not bee able to make any Proofe against them.

Wee at last gott him over all these objections. And since our trouble wth o^{r} Govern^{r}, a new govern^{r} being come in y^{e} Room of Arerbeig, deceased, who is a Parson of y^{e} King's Duan at Duna's Cast, that will take no gift, and is praying into all matters & calling for an exact acc^{t} of goods we ship off &^{ca} about w^{ch} we are feign to imploy Mahmoodhurife to make friends wth his Duan & serv^{ts} wth whose eyes he must see, or be blinded, hee intends now in few days to depart.

14. Our protest did reach Agent Hedges &^{c} in y^{e} Road, & was delivered y^{m} by Mr. Fitzhugh, in ꝑsence of three Witnesses, who have attested a Coppy w^{ch} we have sent to y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} Ag^{t} Hedges said, he would answepr it, Mr. Gough said (as Mr. Fitzhugh writes) y^{t} w^{ch} was not seemly for him to write us. Mr. Dowglasse said nothing at all to itt.

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15. Since y^{e} above, things looke wth a more hopefull aspect. The Nabob hath accept'd of o^{r} Present, w^{ch} he hath wth difficulty been brought too, & is soe pleas'd wth y^{e} Horse & 'fine guns wth some other things, y^{t} he hath sent y^{e} Agent a Seerpaw, w^{ch} was yesterday rec^{d}, Mr. Pownsett writes, y^{t} he would, y^{e} next day after y^{e} Present was delivered, make his Complaint, we have great hopes to hear y^{t} he will interpose in y^{e} business of Cassimbazar. This day from Cassimbazar we have advice, y^{t} they applyed y^{m}selves to one Bansduray Congo of y^{t} place, & a very considerable person who had been wth y^{e} Phousdar Cremal mulbeck, & had given him to understand y^{t} he had unjustly disobliged y^{e} English who have serverall years been great Traders, to y^{e} great improving of y^{e} King's Rents, & y^{t} now they had given out no mony w^{ch} had caus'd a great Clamor in y^{e} Country, & that they have hopes by y^{t} means to make an end of their business.

16. Wee find we have been to blame in sending away so much Cloth from hence, y^{t} wee have not left any for presents, either here or in other places, w^{ch} was a great failing in y^{e} Warehouse Keeper, we therefore desire yo^{r} Hon^{r} to send us by y^{e} first Ship y^{t} comes this way (if it be not disposed of before y^{t} comes to hand) about thirty or forty pieces Vizt: 15 pes: fine Red & Green, y^{e} rest ordinary Red & Green.

17. Wee are advis'd, y^{e} Dutch, upon y^{e} comming of a new Director, have sent up for a ꝑsent to y^{e} Nabob, Elephants, Horses, Broad cloth, Flint ware, Lookeing Glasses, Spice of all sorts, Scimiter Blades, Japan Screens & Scretores, to a great value, we have not yett y^{e} acc^{t} of y^{e} am^{t} but shall have in a little time.

Herewth goes an Acc^{t} of y^{e} Stores belonging to y^{e} Sloop *Thomas,* wth w^{t} mony we have p^{d} to y^{e} men belonging to her. We have advice y^{t} y^{e} Sloop *Ganges* is sunke comeing downe Ballasore River, and y^{e} *Madapollam* is soe disabled by her being cast on y^{e} sand, and lying there 12 or 14 days, that Shee will hardly be repaired. Wee therefore shall have occasion for a new Sloop about a hundred Tons, of like built with y^{e} *Goodhope & Madapollam* Wee pray please to give order for y^{e} building one, to be here by y^{e} next Monsoon, there is no venturing goods in Countrey boats.

Wee had this day advice from Ballasore y^{t} y^{e} *Bengall Merch^{t}* was dispatcht y^{e} first Instant wth all her Ladeing. Wee had at same time an Invoice for what they at Ballasore had laden on the Defence, a Coppy of w^{ch} is herewith sent am^{t} to Rs. 554: 13^{a}:9^{p}.

Wee are
Hon^{ble} S^{r} &^{c}
Your most humble Servants
JOHN BEARD.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RICH^{D} TRENCHFEILD.
THO. LEY.
EDW. OXBOROUGH.

Cassimbazar 2d Febry 1684

Rt WorspLL &ca Councell

Our last was ye 30th past, we are informed yt the Assoale left Muxodavad 3 days since & is gone to Dacca by Wm. Currem munmulk hath wrote as much to or prejudice as he could invent, having fram'd a Mohuzzer attested by ye Cozzee Worannavis &e Muttsuddies, & 'tis certainly reported he will procure Nabebs order to use force against us, wch we expect within 6 or 7 days, at ꝑsent we are debarred of all necessaryes, most of our Peons having left or service for fear of ye Governr, Since ye drume beat up last, our Vakeele dare not appear any more at ye Durbar, ye Cozze having affright'd him and all those of ye Mahometan cast yt serve us, Some time past a Servant of Mr Cheyne having stolen some things from him was question'd about it, who immediately to gett himselfe clear made a complaint unjustly to ye Cozze yt his master had taken away his cast, by flinging pork flesh upon his garments, hereupon ye Cozze issues out his Ham or warrant for his appearance, wee sent our Vakeele to give answer at ye Adollat, but nothing would content ye Cozze, save Mr. Cheynes appearance. This hath given ym a great oppertunity to add to our troubles and we hear they have improved it to yee height to Dacca in their Mohuzzar, and altho: ye ꝑesent hath been so long arrived at Dacca yet we have had no news of any thing they have done yett nor do we beleive they will be able to do anything for us, so that our staying here is intollerable & if we come not away suddainly we fear shall not be able to doe itt hereafter, ye Nabob's orders are expected to arrive wthin few days to use violence against us.

You see we are now in a miserable condition wch we judge to be so desperate, yt we feare selfe preservation will force us to leave this place before we can receive yor orders, however we shall delay yt to ye last and therefore shall expect your commands wth ye great earnestness wch though we should receive they may prove ineffectuall wthout you, send us some seamen from ye Ships and Sloops to row us down, for most certaine its we shall not be able to procure men here.

We are

Right Worspll &ca

Att Your Commands

JOB CHARNOCK.

JAMES HARDING.

NICHOLAS DAVENANT.

JAMES WATSON.

CHARLES PATE.

Exd.—Nibaron.

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OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL AT FORT S^{r} GEORGE.

1. With this you have copy of our letter of 26th November last sent by the *Chandois;* and now by our invoices, &^{c}, you will see what a considerable stock in Bullion and Goods we have sent you by this Ship, the *George*, which we pray God to send safely to your hands.

2. This is the last Ship we shall send directly for the Fort; and we would have all y^{e} Silver upon her to be sent to our Agent and Council in y^{e} Bay by this Ship if you have time enough for it, or else by some other safe conveyance. But we rather desire it may go by the *George*. To which purpose we desire she may be dispatched down to the Bay within three days after she arrives which is not so extraordinary an expedicõn but what is possible to be effected. And we may tell you, that greater expedicõn than that we now propose to you was made at Suratt this last year otherwise we could not have had home our late arrived 5 Suratt Ships this year, there being little or no goods on any of them at the beginning of April by reason of the late arrival of two; and three of their lying so long before Bombay: and after they were come from thence; some of them were hurryed out of Swally to Suratt River's mouth to retake the Company's Ship *Return* which was a further impediment to their despatch.

3. If you send the *George* to Bengal, limit our Agent and Council there a certain time for her return to you with what they can put on board her.

4. Let every ship you load either in Bengal or from the Fort be sure to bring their full proporcõn of Callitore wood: and if you can persuade any of our Commanders to take in more than their proporcõn at 10 £ per ton to stiffen their ships, you may send us yearly among all our ships 100 tons of that wood, over and above each ships respective proporcõn thereof by Chr̃eparty.

5. We have only now the *Josia* to despatch of all y^{e} Shipping design for your entire presidency including y^{e} Bay: and her we intend to send directly to Bengal with 80,000£ in Bullion, and what other goods we can get in a readiness: All the goods by her We shall order our Agent &^{c} in y^{e} Bay to send up to you, except what he can immediately dispose of, so you may do well to keep so much in arrere with your Merchants or y^{t} you may put off our goods to them when they arrive to balance their accounts of what you may before have rec̃ed of them.

6. You have now such a number of factors and writers that we justly suppose you may be overstocked with them: and therefore we hope and desire you to be so wise for our interest as to sift out the worst, and retain only such to eat our bread as may doe us good and real service for it and discharge from our service all that are idle, insufficient, debauched, or unfaithful, in w^{ch} you will doe an acceptable and but your reasonable service to us.

7. We have ordered our Gen^{ll} and Council at Suratt constantly to maintain a considerable brisque Vackeel at the Mogul's Court and to give you notice who the person is, and how you may correspond with him about our affayrs in the Bay, and therefore we would have you put our Agent and Council in y^{e} Bay, in a way of managing their business at Court by y^{e} same Vackeel and noe other to avoid a double charge: as also because we hope y^{e} person our Gen^{ll} of Suratt sends thither, will be an abler man and of a bolder temper, and fitter for our purpose than any you have or will meet with in the Bay.

8. M^{r} George Gosfright, formerly of our Council at Bantam, having served us well, and being now at Suratt, where we ordered him likewise to be of our Council: But his friends here rather desiring he should be settled in the Bay of Bengal, we have ordered him to be of our Council there, according to his station in India, which we suppose is next after M^{r} Trenchfield, of which give notice to our Agent and Council in the Bay; that upon his arrival there he may have y^{e} place we have appointed him unto.

We understand by Captain Harding that you have a profitable trade to China which we do not grudge you, but rather wish it may increase, and y^{t} you may gain by all honest ways as much as yourselves can reasonably desire. But we would have you in all places in the Bay and otherwise within your Presidency, utterly to beat out and destroy those detestable cheats of *Piscashes* from our black Merchants, Dubash mony, and Dufters, and make it your business effectually to see that all monies arising from such old cheating names and practices, (whose y^{e} names are fit to be continued) be honestly and faithfully brought to the Company's account.

10. In regard Thea is grown to be a com̃odity here, and we have occasion to make presents therein to our great friends at Court, we would have you send us yearly 5 or 6 Canisters of the very best and freshest Thea. That w^{ch} will colour y^{e} water in w^{ch} it is infused most of a greenish complexion is generally best accepted.

11. In all your trades to China and elsewhere, we would have you become worthy publique spirited men, such as we take you to be, to have as well a regard to the general good of the Company by encreasing y^{e} trade and revenue of Fort S^{t} George as the increase of your profits: and therefore we desire you that in such adventures you would admit to joyn with you not only such small stocks as our own servants have, but likewise all other Inhabitants of our Fort Town, whether they be English, Portuguez or Natives. This generous liberty and frank encouragement to all your Inhabitants indifferently will make your place great and famous in a short time, strong and defensive, and that place being become by such indulgence a Mart for Nations it must consequently flourish and prosper exceedingly; That being the means to which God Almighty of old promised to make Jerusalem great, *viz^{t}*, that it should be a Mart for Nations.

12. And if by such generous self-denial, and y^{e} just and equal administration of good Laws to all persons you can bring that place to be a centre of trade from all places of India, wherein it is not convenient for us to establish Factories, it may give you y^{e} opportunite to buy for us upon reasonable terms, Pepper, China, Pegu, and it may be in time, Nutmegs, Cloves, and many other com̃odities, which otherwise you can never hope to purchase for us.

13. You have now a larger field to work in for the honour of your King, the good of your Country, and the profit of this Company (that you know hath suffered so much of late years) than ever any of your predcessors had: But if your minds be not as large as your Province, the success will not answer our expectation: Narrow selfish souls are not framed for such work: But we have reason to hope better of you.

14. You must never give over contriving easy methods for raising Revenue in that place, until you have arrived by y^{e} Dutch wisdom to such a measure of constant income as may sufficiently serve the keeping in repair and enlarging your fortificacõns, and y^{e} constant maintenance of 500 European Soldiers, most part English, the rest Portuguez, which are cheaper by one-half. Such a formidable posture of defence will make more rich men trust to your Government and proteccõn; and will make your terms easy with y^{e} King of Gulcondah's Governors, who we are sufficiently sensible, by their late base complyance with interlopers, will doe more for fear, than love of us.

15. Notwithstanding which, until you are stronger and our Dutch controversies are at an end, keep as fair as you can with those people, without parting with any of our mony more than what was anciently accustomed.

16. If you could persuade all the rich men in Fort S^{t} George to the number of 100 English, Jews, Portuguez, and Gentues, to keep each of them a Horse and Arms at their own charge as M^{r} dePavia here hath promised for himself that he will, it might be a brave addicõnal strength upon any sudden occasion: And you may appoint Captain and Officers to exercise that Troop once in 2 or 3 months as a Militia or City Troop.

17. The Riders by right should be English, or at least $\frac{2}{3}$rds of them.

18. You know our stock hath much declined these last 2 or 3 years, and the reasons of it: It's high time now to study all possible methods to better y^{e} Adventure's Stock, y^{t} they may at last reap some fruit of their adventures labour and patience these last 2 or 3 declining years: And therefore we must enjoyn you to improve the trade of Rice, Paddy and Provisions from the Bay, y^{t} none of our ships may come up thence to you with any dead tonage; which

likewise is necessary for yᵉ security of our Fort and Town: It being very impolitique in such a frontier Garrison to be at any time unfurnished of a sufficient store of Paddy, which being bought at the best hand in yᵉ Bay, and the freight thereof costing us nothing to the Fort, must of necessity at one time of the year or other turn us to a good account.

19. You must always keep your Officers and Soldiers in strict Military discipline and to yᵉ frequent exercise of their arms, not failing to inflict condign punishment upon offenders according to yᵉ Rules of Martial Law. For your informacõn wherein we have sent you Copy of a Book now of use in yᵉ modern Armies of Europe.

20. We have just now, and you have long since (as we suppose) had intimacõn, that yᵉ Emperor of China hath granted free liberty of trade to yᵉ English and Dutch at Tywan and Amoy: So we hope you have effectually dispatcht a small Vessel with a proper Cargo to Tywan for our accounts, and we would have you take care as soon as possibly you can, to send another small Vessel and right honest and fit persons to settle a Factory at Amoy. We suppose two Factors and Writers may be sufficient at first for Amoy; and yᵗ 5 or 6,000£ cargo may be enough for Tywan the first voyage, and about 10,000£ for Amoy. And it must be your great care to see yᵗ we pay freight neither Out nor Home for any more than our own goods. Or if you freight yᵉ vessel wholly for our accounts, you must see that all private goods whatsoever that go or return in any such freighted ships for our accounts doe pay a full and just proporcõn of freight, yᵗ we may be rather gainers than losers by such great indulgence to our Servants and Inhabitants: And we made you the sole judges and determiners of all such matters between us and them. In which respects if our former Agents and Council at Bantam had been faithful to us, those northern trades had turned us to great profit, whereas by reason of unfaithfullness (which will destroy yᵉ most hopeful things of this world) all those trades proved to our loss.

21. Amoy is a place of depth of water sufficient for a Ship of 300 or 350 tons, so yᵗ if upon further advices from China, you shall have hopes of getting a sufficient loading of Copper or Tutenage, you may order yᵉ *Shrewsbury*, *Persia Merchant*, or some other of yᵉ smaller of our Europe freighted Ships thither. But consider well and doe only that which you shall judge safest for us to avoid dead freight which is an irreparable loss.

22. In the Cargoes you send for Tywan or Amoy, one-half at least must be pcs of $\frac{8}{8}$, the other moity proper goods of India, and but very little of English manufactures, if it be true which we hear yᵗ the Emperor of Japan hath prohibited English Cloth.

23. We wrote by the *Chandois* about a great parcel of Neckcloths bought for private persons on board yᵉ *Josia:* Since which, we understand there were 27,000 more sent to Mr. Portman &ca. We much wonder yᵗ notwithstanding our prohibicõn of them you should send us such great quantities. It is a very great offence and we strictly charge you to take care for the future yᵗ our orders be better observed.

24. The suit at Law commenced in yᵉ Court of King's Bench by us against Mʳ Sandys, yᵉ Chief of the Interlopers for trading contrary to our Chr̃e was ready for Judgment the last Term: Arguments having been made on both sides by the most learned Counsel of the Kingdom. But such was the weight and importance thereof yᵗ yᵉ Lord Chief Justice deferred yᵉ cause till yᵉ last of January, on which day yᵉ four Judges being mett, they unanimously gave judgment for us against Mʳ Sandys, declaring that our Chr̃e granted us by His Majesty for yᵉ sole trade of India exclusive to all others His Majesty's subjects was a good grant in Law. The power of making such grants having been always in yᵉ Crown, besides which, this had also the sanction of Parliament.

The Judges, amongst other things, (for they were above four hours in delivering yᵉ reasons of their opinions, and answering all the objeccõns yᵗ had been made by Mʳ Sandy's Counsel) were pleased to observe yᵗ this Company had been in possession of this trade for above 100 years past, and yᵗ in all that time none ever durst presume to call the right of the Crown in question till now that they believe Mr Sandys may be the last that will ever attempt anything of that kind any more.

25. And now judgment being given and entred, we hope you will be no more troubled with any private Ships for the future.

26. We are informed yt the *Bristol* Interlopers, whereof Hand was Commander is seized at Goa for a Pirate and was confiscated, and therefore we think fit to tell you that if the Dutch or any other people of India should seize any more Interlopers, we would not have you countenance, own, or aid any of them in such a case, they being persons engaged in attempts ruinous to their common Country, in direct opposition to and contempt of His Majesty's Proclamation, and as hath been lately confirmed by the aforesaid sentence in the Court of King's Bench, contrary to the Common Law of England.

27. You did very well the last year in sending us the copies of your Cash Book to ye time of the departure of ye last of our Ships from you. For the future we would have you with the copy of your Cash book, send us also copies of your Journal and Ledger to the same time, though they be not balanced. And give order at Hughly yt they doe by ye last Ship from thence send us the copies of their Hughly Cash book and the transcript of their Journal and Ledger to the day of their said last Ship's departure that we may have as full a prospect as may be of our future affairs.

28. It hath pleased Almighty God on the 6th of this instant February to call to His Mercy our late Sovereign Lord King Charles, the 2nd, of blessed memory, by whose decease ye Government is descended unto his Brother his present Majesty King James, the 2nd, as you will find by the enclosed prints to which we refer: who was proclaimed ye same day with great solemnity, and the general acclamacõns of the people. And the affairs of ye Kingdom (blessed be God) continue in a very peaceable quiet posture as before. His Majesty is an adventurer in ye present joint Stock, and is graciously pleased to vouchsafe us all possible encouragement in the carrying on of our trade. And so we comit you and our affairs to the guidance and protection of the Almighty and remain—

P.S.—We send you enclosed a list of the most proper Goods we can think of to be provided at ye Coast & Bay for the year 1686, which we judge for our service that you should be timely possessed of: Although per adventure the new Comtee after out next sale may see cause to make some addition or alterac̃on therein. Our order for permitting the exportation of Corral beade, we send herewith which you ought to observe.

Your loving friends,

EDWARD RUDGE,
JOHN MOORE,
PETER DANIEL,
WM GOULSTON.

JOSEPH ASHE, *Governor*,
JOSA CHILDS, *Deputy*,
JA. EDWARDS,
SAM. DASEWOOD,
JOSEPH HERNE,
EDWARD BOUVERIE
THOS DAVALL,
WM SEDGWICKE,
HENRY JOHNSON,
CHRIS. BOONE,
THOS COOKE,

London, the 13th February 168$\frac{4}{5}$.

OUR AGENT AND COUNCIL IN THE BAY OF BENGALL—

We have wrote several paragraphs relating to your Agency in our letter to our President and Council of Fort St George, which they will communicate to you; and unto which we require your conformity equally as if they were contained in this letter.

We hope to hear our affairs in the Bay are now in a better condition then ever they were since this Stock began: and that those old cheat of Dustore, Piscashes from our black Merchants and all other abuses of yt kind will be utterly abolished and eradicated by the virtue of our present Agent and Council: and therefore we doe give you full power not only to govern all our factories by our former rules and orders, but to make such new rules and orders as you shall find necessary for preventing of all frauds and abuses; and to suspend, or expel from our service or otherwise to fine according as we wrote you last year for small offence any that you shall find unfaithfull to us, disobedient to you, or idle or debauched after admonition.

The false packing of our Silk last year, we must again mind you of. It was so wicked an abuse, that we will never pardon any that had a hand in it, or connived at it; and therefore we would not only have without favour or affection to turn out all such offenders, but to arrest their Persons, and send them up to the Fort to be proceeded against them by our Attorny General in that Court, which is appointed by His Majestys last Charter of the 9th August 1683 to try and adjudge all Mercantile or Maritime causes with such delinquents, send up in writing the proof you have against them upon Oath, that is *Corpus Cum Causâ*. The want of such Courts formerly hath been the great cause of all the cheats and abuses which have been practised especially in the remote factories of India. You know we have established a duty of 2 per cent. Consulage upon all English freemen (not being the Company's servants) that drive any trade in India; unto which Constitution those freemen (thro' the corruption and connivance of our own Servants) have not yet given obedience. We do therefore hereby impower and require you to demand the arrerages of that consulage from all such English as have traded under our priviledges ever since that establishment by us. And if any doe refuse to arrest them in our Attorny General's name, and send them up to the Fort, to be tried there, sending with them the nearest computation you can make of the value of what they have traded for. In which if you should committ any mistakes by reason of the incertainty of such private trade, the parties in arrere shall have liberty for what is past to cleer themselves of any overcharge of yours by their own Oaths.

But for such as shall be willing to compound with you for what is past, and promise to be conformable to the Companys Rules hereafter, you may compound with them on reasonable terms, and ease them of the trouble and charge of going up to the Fort.

We have wrote our Generall of Surratt to maintain always a bold brisque Vaqueel at the Mogul's Court, that will speak freely to ye Courtiers upon occasion; With him and no other we would have you to correspond for the future.

If Mr Littleton refuse or neglect to give obedience to His Majesty's Privy Seal, seiz his person as a Rebel, and send him prisoner on board some of our Ships for England by force of Arms.

You will hear many wayes what a full sentence passed in His Majesty's Court of King's Bench on the 31st January last against all Interlopers and for the legality of His Majesty's grants to the Company, which is such an establishment in Law, that our adversaries would never generally understand before though we had always reason to believe it would be found so upon tryal.

The *Josia*, we suppose, cannot sail from the Downs before the middle of March: All the bullion on board her you are to reserve to the use of your Agency, but none of the goods more then you are sure to put off presently. It being our positive resolution never to have any remains lie by the walls in those factories, as they have most shamefully done formerly: and therefore we do require you to send by the *Josia* or some earlier dispatch Ship to the Fort all the Europe goods that you are not sure instantly to dispose of as aforesaid.

We have formerly intimated to you that our worthy Presidt and Council of Fort St George have most prudently and honestly reduced the black Merchants in almost all our factories in the Gingee Country and upon the Coast of Coromandel, to take in payment for their Calicoes, &^{c}., $\frac{1}{3}$rd per cent. in goods, and we are yet to seek for a true cause why you should not be able to do the same thing in most of our factories of Bengall, except Cassumbuzar and Pattana especially now that you are freed or sure to be from the competition of Interlopers.

We observe by the Cassumbuzar Diary that they took up money there at 12 per cent. per annum which rate we would not have you exceed in any case now that you are stockt so sufficiently and you will be the easier able to hold all persons to that certain rate, because after this year we shall be so crowded with India goods here, that we shall not burden you with tonage as we were forced to do while we were striving with Interlopers, as also to sell our India goods here, one with another, almost as cheap as they cost us with freight and charges. But now as it must be our work after a little time to raise the price of our comodities here, so it must be yours to pull down the rates of all goods in India w^{ch} the corruption of our servants, or the presumption of Interlopers hath kept to higher prices in India then they might otherwise have been afforded at.

Raw Silk and Taffaties are always the most noble and Staple Comodities your Agency affords. Provide all you can possibly of both kinds and of the specifical sorts which you have been often informed by letters, Lists, &^{c}, doe turn best to account here.

It hath pleased Almighty God on the 6th of this Instant February to call to His Mercy our late Sovereign Lord King Charles the second of blessed memory, by whose decease the Government is descended to his brother his present Majesty King James the second, as you will find by the enclosed prints to which we referr, who was proclaimed the same day with great Solemnity and the general acclamations of the People, and the affairs of the Kingdome (blessed be God) continue in a very peaceable quiet posture as before. His Majesty is an adventurer in the present Joint Stock, and is graciously pleased to vouchsafe us all possible encouragement in the carrying on of our trade.

On this Ship comes M^{r} Daniel duBois, factor, and George Vernon, and Thomas Jordan, Writers, whom we have chosen to serve us in the Bay, one at 15£ a year, and the other at 5£ a year a peice, they are under good characters, and you may dispose of them where they may do us best service.

Inclosed we send you our order made, touching 5 bales of broad cloth formerly sent on this Ship for which we have made an allowance to the owners, we would have you take a strict examination as therein is directed, and cause satisfaction to be made to us for the same and give us an account of your proceedings. And so committing you and our affairs to the guidance and protection of the Almighty.

We remain—

Your loving friends.

London, 16th March 168$\frac{4}{5}$.

OUR AGENT AND COUNCILL IN THE BAY OF BENGALL—

What we have writ our President and Councill of Fort S^{t} George you may understand by the inclosed which we send you open for that purpose, and it must be your care constantly to supply the Fort with a sufficient Store of Wax Clothes and gunneys, that they may never again be put to such Shifts for packing stuff as they were last year.

Do you likewise take care to make the same beneficiall use of our services as we have recommended to them and be as circumspect as you can possibly in the close and safe package of all our goods, that the Commanders and owners of our Ships may not have such just cause of complaint in that kind as they have had these two last years.

By the *Defence* in 1683 we received the Hughly Generall Books, Z beginning the p^{mo} May 1680 and ending the 30th April 1681 which have been compared, perused, and the acc^{ts} here settled accordingly, but of late they have been missing, and though a strict search hath been made for them yet are not found and are almost out of hopes to find them any more, wherefore desire that you will send us by the return of these Ships a duplicate, for that we have often occasion to use them.

We remaine—

Your loving friends.

London, 26th November 1684.

OUR PRESIDENT, AGENT AND COUNCILL IN THE BAY OF BENGALL—

Herewith you will receive copie of our last of 3rd October per the *Persia Merchant* unto which we have little to add but to inclose an Account given us by our Warehouse-keeper of the ill package and sortment of divers of our goods to our great prejudice, which we would have you take notice off, and see that for the future our goods be sent us in better condicon, and without errors in their marking.

We have entertained Mr Saml Cudworth as a Factor, he is brother to Mr Jno Cudworth formerly of our Committee. He is under an extraordinary Character, having with great commendacon served out his time to a Merchant of this City. He takes passage on the *Chandois*, Captain Bouncel, Commander, and desire to be placed in some of the Subordinate Councills in your Agency, which we have consented to, and would have you dispose of him accordingly. There also comes with him Mr John Hannum, Mr Jos Loe, and Mr Jos Stavely, factors who are to be employed in the Bay.

Mr Jonas Hind and Abraham Ward his apprentice are taken into our service, as you will find by a letter apart from the Committee of secresie, to which we referr.

Mr Henry Watson is likewise entertained to serve as a Chyrurgeon's Mate at Hughly or Cassumbuzar (where there is most need of him) for five years at 25 rp a month for the first two years and 30rs a month for the three last years.

We have permitted Mr Jno Bullock to take his passage on the said Ship for piloting of ships either on the Coast or in the Bay, as there is occasion.

We remain—

Your loving friends.

London, 14th January 1685.

OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCILL AT FORT ST. GEORGE—

1. We have been so particular in all our letters to you overland this year, of all which we send you Copies herewith, that we have not occasion to write to you so largely by these ships as we had formerly, when we sent you more Shipping and Stock.

2. The reasons we send so little now for the Coast and Bay are, first because we know not in what condicōn our affairs may be now in the Bay.

2ndly.—Because we have vast quantities of very many sorts of goods upon our hands, and now that that Interlopers are perfectly subdued and you will in all probability be troubled with none of them, it will be in vain for us to clog ourselves with multitudes of goods here untill part of our Stores lying dead by us (under hazard of fire and other accidents) be disposed of, and the markets become a little quicker in Europe, than they have been of late years.

3rdly.—Though we hope we have made provision for the worst that can happen in the Bay, yet we shall be very glad that those differences there between our Servants, the Nabob, and his inferior Governors may be amicably composed.

3. What our Stock is which we have now sent for your Presidency you will understand by the Bills of Loading and Invoyces accompanying this paquet, and we hope you will find it sufficient with what you have of ours already to dispatch those 3 Ships to us in due time, especially considering that you will

not be now under the confinement of our single years demorage, We having contracted with all our own Ships sent out this year to serve us if there be occasion for it 2 years in India upon demorage. Notwithstanding which when once our affairs are well settled in Bengall, we would have you dispatch these Ships home as soon as you can, or two of them, if you can have such an advantageous freight for one of them to Persia from Metchlepatam, as M^{r} Freeman procured for the *Syam Merchant* last year, in which he did the Company very good service, and we hope may do the like this year for one of the best of our Ships, although our factory at Metchlepatam be dissolved according to our former orders sent you overland.

4. We then writt you that by our Ships we would direct you how to dispose of M^{r} Freeman and the rest of our factors of that dissolved factory of Metchlepatam, and now we do accordingly appoint M^{r} Freeman to be of our Councill of Fort S^{t} George next above M^{r} Littleton until we can provide otherwise and better for him and for the rest of our factors late of that place, We must leave them to the disposicōn of our President and Councill to dispose of them where they may be most serviceable unto us according to their seniority and merit. We say both seniority and merit, for we shall always reckon seniority no title to any preferment in our service where there shall be found sloth, profanes, infidelity or other defect of meritt, as there seems to us apparently in M^{r} du Jardin and M^{r} Ramsden both whom we do hereby dismiss our service and require you to cause our Attorny immediately to prosecute them, and proceed to Judgment and execucōn against them for the debt which each of them do owe us of which we send you an account under M^{r} Beyer's hand inclosed.

5. It is in vain for us ever to make Laws and orders if our servants may so shamefully break them Impune, and if we cannot (or our Governors will not) punish the offenders according to Law in that country where their offence was committed as the wise Dutch always do, and we and you must, if we will discharge uprightly that trust which His Majesty and the adventurers have com̄itted to us. We say His Majesty as well as the adventurers, for tho' y^{e} adventurers have trusted us with the management of their Stocks, it is the King that hath intrusted us, and we you, with the Government of the English Colonies, and with a power of making Laws and Constitutions, Military and Civil, to punish all offenders according to their demeritts where the offences are com̄itted, as aforesaid, without the weake, chargeable, and ineffectual remedy of sending them home for England for that purpose.

6. We observe in yours of severall complaints of the ill sorting of our cloth at Codalore, M^{r} Davis Chief, and the like about M^{r} Wheeler, you have not yet fully informed us of the truth of the complaints and where the fault lyes, but we are sure our cloth is ill sorted, therefore whereever the fault is, displace any such unfaithfull servant, and putt in their roome another more honest and sufficient.

7. A list of what goods we would have you provide for those ships you will receive with this paquet subscribed by Sir Jeremy Sambrooke, to whom we have left the principall care of that business.

8. Our Custom at your place, at Bombay and Pryaman we have established inward from the sea at 5 per cent. and so we would have you exact that duty punctually from all persons whatsoever from and after the arrivall of these Ships. It being of absolute necessity to us to levy such duties from the Inhabitants of our fortified places protected by us, as may defray excessive charges, which you see we do freely ingage in for the honor and interest of our King and Country, as well as for the good of all persons y^{t} live under our proteccōn.

9. Some other laws we have likewise made for the good order, security and government of that place, of which you shall have a copy subscribed by the Secretary, when we have fully agreed the words of them.

10. We hope you have begun the walling in of the Black Towne, and taken in a competent quantity of void ground, for we do expect that towne will yet much increase in the number of Inhabitants, and that our ground rents may improve to a very considerable value hereafter, the great liberty we give of all trade in India, the resort of our own Shipping the strength of the place,

and that great justice we would have you impartially exercise towards all Inhabitants, being such foundacõns as must in tyme induce a great and famous Superstructure, and therefore we would have you be alwaise most kind and indulgent to the Inhabitants that observe our laws and protect them in the same uninterrupted liberty of their severall Religions in which they were born and bred as you do those of our own Church and Nation.

11. But all mankind enjoying such proteccõn, assurance and property in their persons and estates, must and do defray the charge of their proteccõn and preservacõn in all parts of the world whereever the sun or moon shines, which is an undeniable argument, whereof you may make use as there shall be occasion. And consequently the duty of Murage is incumbent upon all freemen (for such we account our Inhabitants of Fort S^t George to be), and you must exact it from them in such manner as may be least offensive to any. So the Danes at Trincombar with very little trade and none of the best Governments as you know, built their Bastions at Trincombar with voluntary contributions from the Seidall Castes living under them, and with a little kindnes shown, as small Piscashes to the Chief of their Seidall Caste to sweeten their concurrence when the Danes had little or no force to compell any such complyance (where reason would not prevail), which God be thanked is not your case.

12. We have much more to impart to you touching this whole fleet and the disposition of the Seidall Ships which compose the fleets and the Seidall Captains, Lieutenants, Officers and Soldiers on board them, which for secrecy sake we shall not mencõn in this letter, but refer you to our secret Committee appointed for that purpose.

13. We are very carefull to cultivate that hopefull settlement at *Pryaman* into which place we have sent near 300 Soldiers and 49 pieces of great Ordnance by two Ships, the *Herbert* and *Royall James*, in Company of the former went the *Rose*, a small ship of 120 tons, whereof M^r Thomas Lucas is Master and sole owner, with liberty to trade in India, and have the freedom of our Ports. If he arrive in any of them, paying each tyme his Custom and Port Charges of one Barrell of powder and one Dollar for Anchorage, which we resolve all Ships whatsover English or Strangers that have any benefit by any of our fortified ports shall pay us every voyage as they do at Barbadoes and all other English Colonies in America, and accordingly we enjoyn you to exact it from all Ships, and if any freighted by ourselves refuse it, upon your returning the Commander's name we shall stop it here out of their respective freights.

14. That you may understand upon what terms Captain Udall is freighted, and that you need not make any provision for him, we have sent you with this paquet a copy of his Charterparty as also Copies of the Charterparties of 2 or 3 small ships that go along with this fleet for the Coast and Bengall, which are not to return for Europe untill nor except they shall be freighted for that purpose as you will see more particularly by the said Charterparty.

15. We have bought a new Ship of 150 tons which we have named the *Pryaman*, and she is now going thither, M^r Vukettell, Master, whom we have appointed to leave her there to the conduct of his Chief Mate M^r Hobson, and he M^r Vukettell is to remain there our Engineer, Master Shipwright and youngest of our Council, he being a great Artist in most Sciences, prudent, sober, and we have reason to believe of exact fidelity.

16. We intend he shall there make a Carpenter's yard, and bring up slaves for workmen and furnish the yard with timber, and all necessaries fitt for building and repayre of all kind of Ships as the Island of Unruse is used by those of Batavia, of which M^r Styleman can give you a further account.

17. In order to the perfecting of this worke and security of that important place of Pryaman, we would have you send our Governor M^r Ord whatever he shall write for, and if need be a supply of Musteez and Gentue workmen and Soldiers, also a good store of Gunpowder (of which you have enough) that he may not want for defence of the place, and for sale to the Chyneses or any other that shall come thither to buy it.

18. Though we have established 5 per cent. to be our constant Sea-Custom hereafter, our meaning is all goods shipt out or landed, but that any

that have once paid our 5 per cent. Custom inward from the sea should be permitted to be shipt out again freely without paying any new Custom.

19. We know it may be objected that this increase of Custom may lessen the trade of Madrass and raise again that of St Thoma, but against that we have provided laws, which we will have strictly executed, and for further prevencõn we do hereby empower you to take a farm of St Thoma and all parts near thereunto, by the growth whereof you conceive our Fort and Town of Madrass may come to be prejudiced, and when you have done that, since we have laid out such vast sum̃e of money upon the securing and improving that place, we will rather make use of our arms to defend our dear bought right then suffer ourselves to be cheated by any Trick or Contrivance of the fruit of so many years disbursements.

20. For now you have so strong a Garrison and so many Ports to buy our goods at to the southward, you may at any tyme, (by forbearing trade in Lingapa's Country, and by filling our store with rice from Porto Novo and Bengall) compell Lingapa to give you fair quarter, and so we would have you to do, and shew a Martial countenance to him if there be cause for it, especially in that most essentiall matter of St Thoma. Tho' if by witt and a little money you can gett a Phirmaund for the farm of it for years it will be the best way, and then you will have a just ground, defend or destroy all buildings there by the force of arms, as you shall find most conducent to our interest and the support or increase of our Revenue at Madrass.

21. Lieutenant Thomas Child at his going out owed some money to persons that were civil to him in furnishing him out, for which he gave bonds, authentic copies whereof our Secretary will send you with this, and we do require you monthly to detain in the Companies Cash 20Rs. per month untill the debt be paid, advising us by our Shipping how much you have so detained that we may pay it here to the Proprietors.

22. We have often writt you formerly that you should cause some quantity of your fine Beeteellees to be striped part with small stripes of a straw's breadth, and part with broader stripes, and some flowered like the Bengall Doreas, which now especially if there should happen any interrupcõn to our Bay trade is more necessary then ever, and therefore we do hereby enjoyn you as soon as you receive this to send for your Merchants and cause them to go in hand with providing such sort of goods according to the patterns inclosed and the quantities mencõned in our list, and contract not with any Merchants at the Fort for other goods, that will not engage to furnish you with a suitable proporcõn of these.

23. You will know certainly before we can here, whether our Bay trade will be much interrupted this year or not, and if you find it be, you must in your providing goods for us, run especially upon those sorts of goods, which in kind and use come nearest to those sorts that we have usually had from the Bay, or to such of them as you can come nearest unto (our President knows the sorts in both places), which we have had some respect to in drawing this List.

24. We have proceeded very farr in a Treaty with the Dutch Deputies here about the restitution of Bantam, and in words they seem willing to admit our demands, except that of giving us possession of the Fort there undemolished; upon that the Treaty seems to be at a stand, and they pretend their old Commission is expired the 10th instant, and now they stay for a new one, which is an old method of theirs, which you understand.

25. But if our principall Governors and Servants in India could once arrive at the wisdom of making fortified places in India defray their cost and charge, the Dutch should have no joy of their taking Bantam, but rather to repent that wisdom which their injustice hath found us to learn of them. Pryaman certainly when well secured, if it be so managed as not to eat us up with the charge, may be a better place for Pepper then ever Bantam was, especially considering that we were there sojourners only, that paid the King one way or other 50 per cent. Custom, but we must confes Pryaman nor Tecoe are comparable to Bantam for the Japan or Chyna trade and for refreshment, if you should hereafter send Ships towards Borneo or the Spice Islands. But

there is a place in the world, and as easy to be settled as Pryaman that answers better to all those ends then ever Bantam did or could if we had it again upon our own terms, of which our Secrett Coñittee will give you some further informacõns and nothing will bauk us from, but the fear of your defect of that political science of creating Revenues where you make Garrisons, which defect can proceed from nothing else but want of Custom and a pitifull narrow spirit in some of not being content with proteccõn and the freedom of trade, except they may likewise in effect be free of Customs and Duties which is against nature and the universall reason of all nations. It may be said why cannot the Company now subsist with as small duties, as they levied formerly. The answer is easy. They may subsist as they did, having their factories generally at the mercy of the heathens among whom they lived, but then they shall be so weak in India as the Dutch when they please may rout them out of all India in one year, as they have already out of all the noblest parts of India. And if it should be asked how the Dutch can maintain 170 forts and fortified places in India, while 2 or 3 can hardly be supported by the English Company, the answer is the same. All the Dutch stock would not maintain their 170 forts one yeare, but for their engrosment of Spice and their skill of making their natives pay the charge of their fortified places, and this last we say is all the foundacõn of their greatnes and power, for how have they engrosed Spice but by fortificacõns, and how have they maintained their fortificacõns but singly by that skill which we now recoñend to your Imitacõn.

26. In answer to what you write about M^r^ Jearsey, we did formerly in Agent Masters tyme write him to make a full end thereof, and through whose neglect it was not done we know not, we would therefore have you peruse all those papers sent, and then adjust the account with him giving him credit for what is duly brought to our Cash, but not for any demands of underprizing of his goods or selling them at under rates by any of our factors (against whom in particular he must have his demand), and whatever mistakes he hath made in accounts to our prejudice of bad debts brought to our accounts not properly belonging to us, or any overcharges placed by him to our accounts, let him make them good to us, and the balance so stated between him and us by you that must be as equall Arbitrators between both, with what is justly due thereon, let be paid or received, and discharges taken, sending us copies of your proceedings.

27. What we have further to direct you in the prosecucõn of the voyages of these frigots and Ships now sent out to you we have left it to a secrett Coñittee to manage, *viz.*, our Governor Sir Joseph Ashe, Sir Josia Child, Deputy, Sir Benjamin Bathurst, Sir Jeremy Sambrooke and M^r^ Joseph Herne or any three of them, whose direccõns and orders under their hands, or from them under our coñon seal you are to follow.

And so commending you and our affairs to the proteccon of the Almighty,

We remain—
Your loving friends,

GEORGE BOUN,	JOSEPH ASHE, *Governor*,
WORCESTER,	JOS^A^ CHILD, *Deputy*,
BERKELEY,	JA. EDWARDS,
JAM. WARD,	BEN. BATHURST,
JEREMY SAMBROOKE,	SAM. DASEWOOD,
LETHIULLIER.	HEN. JOHNSON,
JOSEPH HERNE.	R. HUTCHINSON,
	JOHN GOODERE.

London, 17th June 1685.

OUR AGENT AND COUNCILL ATT HUGHLY—

Wee have only to advise you of y^e^ arrivall of y^e^ *Fleece* y^e^ 3rd instant, for which God be praised, wee expect next month some other ships from you and then shall answer all y^r letters together by an early Shipp, which we design you from here. Wee understand by the *Mexico Merchant* from Surratt y^t y^e Dutch Fleet in the Gulph of Persia have made an absolute warr with the King, and they had seized upon and fortifyed y^e Island Kismish; but were beaten out of itt by the Persians with great losse, and are now in a very sickly poor condition; being forced to have their whole supply of provisions from Surratt. We have very great ground to believe that if they had succeeded in Persia they would have immediately have fortifyed all Bengall; stopt y^e Salt boats and thereby endeavour to force the Moguls to deprive us of all trade in the Bay; we do therefore take this occasion by way of Surratt to inculcate our former desire to you, y^t you would endeavour to procure a Phirmaund from y^e Mogul for the inheritance of some of those uninhabited Islands in the Ganges y^t may be fittest for our occasions, and that we may have leave to build a Fort there for our security against the Dutch, if they should attempt to doe the same violence in Bengall which they have done in many other parts of y^e world. The Island of Ongarlee wee suppose may be fittest for our occasions, because unto that there is water enough for our biggest Shipps: you may covenant with the Mogul or Nabob y^t we will never mount more guns in itt y^n they shall give us leave, *viz^t.*, 10, 12 or 20 and we hope, y^t they haveing had such long experience of our peaceable temper and disposition, will be so farr from thinking wee should use that force against them, that they will rather conclude (as the truth is) y^t y^e force wee shall have there, will alwayes be a guard and a defence to y^e Moguls subjects from any violence y^t y^e Dutch may intend against them.

Wee are well assured by Captain Udall, Captain Wildy and others y^t there is water enough for our biggest Shipps to go over the Braces, y^t wee do resolve y^e next shipps wee send you of w^t burthen soever they are, shall go as high as Ingarlee, and so wee will condition with y^e next ships we send thither by Charterparty; in the meantime it must be your care to secure and have in readiness in Ballasore good Pilotts to carry our ships over y^e Bar, for a continuall supply whereof you cannot do better y^n to imitate the Dutch methods in y^t place, which as near as possibly you can, wee would have you to observe, as well for the encourrigement of our English Pilots as for ease of y^e Company's charge. Wee shall not need to recite att length here what those methods are, because you being on the place cannot be ignorant of y^m. M^r Charnock being now free and att ease from y^e incumbrances he hath so justly (as we apprehend) complained off, wee hope wee shall find the fruit of itt in haveing from him greater quantityes of the right sort of raw Silke and none of those kinds wee have so often complained off, as also that wee shall have from him a double proportion of Taffatyes which are alwayes y^e most staple com̄odity that country affords.

Wee have received such iterated complaints of the great abuses and wrongs of Constant Phaulcon of Syam, y^t wee are resolved to have justice done us upon his person by y^e King and satisfaction for all our damages, or otherwise to reprize ourselves upon him and his subjects when wee see our fittest time which wee mention to you that our servants may be cautious how they trust any thing of their concerns in that King's Dominions, and also y^t if those Syamers that went from hence by the *George* be nott gone from you, you should seize upon their goods for our use untill satisfaction be made upon y^e demands wee have ordered our Generall and Councill of Surratt to make upon and from that King. So commending you and our affairs to the protection of the the Almighty.

Wee remain—
Your loving friends,

JOHN GOODERE.
THOMAS COOK.
JOHN LETHULIER.
JOS. HERNE.
JAM. WARD.

JOSEPH ASHE, *Governor.*
JOS^A. CHILD, *Deputy.*
BERKLEY.
JAM. EDWARDS.
CHRIS. BOONE.
GEORGE BOUN.
HEN. JOHNSON.

22: June.

Since the writing y^{e} above are arrived with us y^{e} *Henry* and *W^{m}* and the *East Indy Merchant* from Surratt confirming the surrender * of Bombay to Sir Thomas Grantham.

To the WORSP^{L} JOB CHARNOCK, Agent, &^{c}., Councell att Hughly.

From the Rt. Hon. Company we received the inclosed packett for you, the *Prudent Mary* will saile in 4 or 5 days more for Syam by whom we shall send such instructions to the Factors there as are conducible to the Right Honorable Company orders and most for their interest, but wee desire you to keep private what is wrott in y^{e} inclosed pacquett concerning the Factory, as also what wee have mentioned herein to you about itt, till such time as wee think fitt to divulge itt, or that it is made publique by the actions that may be done upon the Ship's arrival there.

Wee are—

Your humble Servants,

SURRATT, *May 3rd 1686.*

JN^{O} CHILD.

BAR^{O} HARRIS.

JAMES KING.

LONDON, the 14th of January 168$\frac{5}{6}$.

OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCILL OF FORT S^{T} GEORGE—

The Governour and Committees having had such good success with their Committee of Secresy last year in your Settlement of Pryaman without any noise made thereof beforehand, and it being likewise His Majesty's pleasure that our Martiall affairs should be kept as private as may be for a time. The said Governour and Committees have left it to us to give you such instructions as we should think fitt with His Majesty's approbation which you are to observe.

Though these instructions are to be observed by our President and all our Councill, yet we have superscribed them onely to our President, Captain Yale, and Captain Lucas, who are the three first of our Councill, to the intent, that if you find it requisite for our service to conceale from the rest of our Councill some paragraphs of this letter for a short time you may use your discretion therein, and satisfy the rest of our Councill of the reason of your forbearance to publish the whole Letter, by reading to them this paragraph.

Our main designe in sending this warlike Fleet and so many Companies of Soldiers you will see by our inclosed Letter to our Agent and Councill of Bengall, which designe we require you to promote by all the means which lies in your power as a matter that more eminently concerns the honour of our Sovereigne and his kingdoms then any advantage that can accrue thereby to the Company during our lives, save the honour of preventing the Dutch from their great designe of expelling the English nation from the trade of India.

Captain Nicholson by reason of his prudence and great experience in Bengall we have appointed Vice Admirall for this expedition, and accordingly we appoint him to be of our Councill during his stay at the Fort or in Bengall, and to take his place next after the third of either of our said Councills.

It is of great concernment that you should immediately dispatch our said Admirall and Captain Mason, his Rere Admirall, with all the Ships, Frigotts and Soldiers that appertain to this Fleet, within 6 or 8 days at furthest, after their arrival at Fort S^{t} George, and that some of yourselves doe see that each of them carry down as much water in their ships and vessels as they can conveniently stow.

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* On the 17th December 1683, Captain Keigwin who commanded the garrison at Bombay assembled the troops and Militia and proclaimed the Island of Bombay to be immediately under the government of the King. He seized and confined Ward the Deputy Governor and such members of Council as adhered to him. He also took possession of the Company's Ship "*Return*" and the "*Hunter*" frigate. Keigwin then addressed letters to the King and the Duke of York expressing his determination to maintain the Island of the King till His Majesty's pleasure should he known. The King on hearing the news of the revolt at Bombay sent a mandate under his sign manual to Keigwin requiring him to deliver up the island. On the 19th November 1684 Keigwin on promise of pardon handed over the island to Admiral Sir Thomas Grantham.

Send downe with them all the Companies Sloopes and small vessels, and two at least of our old Companies of English foot Soldiers and Drums and Colours to make three or four Companies of foot Soldiers more out of our Seamen (if there be occasion) to land out of our Ships, that with your two Companies of old English, three Companies that we send by these Ships, four Companies of Seamen, and one Company intire of Portugueez and Mesteeses which we would have you likewise send out of our towne of Madras, our whole force to land may consist of a compleat Regiment of ten Companies and of 100 men in each Company, besides Officers.

Such of our Soldiers that goe from home, and shall be sick upon their arrivall with you, you may take on shore at the Fort in our Hospitall for recovery of their health and put others in their stead.

Let the Portugueez and Mesteeses you imploy in this expedicõn be such, of whose fidelity you have experience or such as you have obliged by former imployments or kindness.

For the better discipline of our Officers and Soldiers you must governe them by Martiall Law, and we hope with this likewise to send you his present Majesty's Charter for exercising Martiall law in all our Ships in time of war.

And for the encouragement of the Commanders and owners of our Shipping we send you herewith an order of Court made for that purpose, when our Fleet was designed out for the recovery of Bantam, which we declare shall stand good and availeable to all owners of any ships that shall be imployed in this expedicõn.

If you shall find that such a number of men as wee have appointed to goe to Bengall on our Ships should too much pester them, we would have you imploy two or three of your own Country ships to help to carry down our Soldiers into the Bay, and to make the first appearance of a numerous Fleet, to increase the fame and terrour of our Fleet among the Natives and the Dutch, who will be ready to lessen and undervalue our power in their reports as they have always done.

Yourselves being owners of most of those Country Ships, we hope will have so much zeal for this publique service, for the honor of your King and Country, as that you will contrive, they shall be as little charge to us as is possible, because being early dispatched with the Monsoone, they may goe to the Bay with our Admirall, and to increase y^{e} number of our Fleet, and may after their Soldiers are landed at Chyttegam, load from thence for Atcheene, and make a better voyage there, or otherwise then they could hope to doe if this warr had not been, and peradventure may buy salt, Rice or other Provisions cheaper by the purchase of such commodities that may happen to be taken then otherwise they could expect them, and may also find much better markets by the obstruction this warr will give to the Bengall and Tenassary Junkes goeing to Atcheen.

Your Fort Officers and Soldiers after the Chittegam busyness is over may returne to you to the Fort, leaving that place strongly fortifyed with about 200 pieces of Ordnance mounted upon the Bastions and well supplied with rice and Paddy, Powder and Ammunicõn of all sorts and a sufficient Garrison in it.

At the departure of our Fleet, encourage all our Officers and Soldiers with such good words as you shall think fitt, letting them know how much the honour of their Soveraigne and their nation is concerned in this undertaking, and what fatall consequences might happen to the whole Navigation of this Kingdome by y^{e} designes which the Dutch have upon us and have perpetrated lately at Bantam, and were now attempting at Persia and Malabar, and if they had not been prevented, would have done the same thing next in Bengall as their own Chiefs have had the confidence to brag that they would do.

Order our Commanders to entertaine in Bengall all Europeans which profer them their service and that they can have confidence in, and our Agent and Councill in the Bay to doe the like, and as many Mestees Soldiers as they think they shall have occasion of and can trust, and if our Engineer at the Fort Mʳ Fowler can be spared let him goe down with our Admirall to the Bay to assist at the fortifying of the place, for which end let him carry downe all sorts of necessaries, Materialls, Tools and workmen that you and our Admirall shall think convenient.

Ensign Wavell is a man more expert with his pen then in Military affairs, having been bred a merchant, and therefore we would have you detaine him at the Fort to be our Register, for which office of Register let him have his dyet at our Table or the usual allowance if he keeps house by himself. We suppose any of your Ensignes that are meere Soldiers will be ready to change Births with him for this expedition in hopes of the advantages that Soldiers some time make on such occasions. He is also our Factor, and his station is to be youngest in Councill at the Fort.

The fast friendship of the King of Raccan from whom Chittegam was taken by the Moores is of vast concernment to us not onely towards the surprisall but towards the perpetuall preservation of that place against the Moores and Dutch, and therefore if your Country affords any thing proper to enlarge our present to him or his Chief Ministers which we have not sent, or is not to be had in the Bay, you may send what you think fitt of that kind by our Vice Admirall for that purpose.

We have mencōned in our Bay Letter of small ships goeing up to Decca after they have secured Chyttegam if the warr continue so long, and to take to their assistance as many of the Reccaneers Warr boats as they can, and if they should come before Decca on a sudden by surprise we have reason to believe the Nabob and all his Court and Army would fly out of the Towne and leave the place desolate, in such and in all other cases of that nature, it must be your our Agent and Councill in the Bay and our Vice Admirall's care that a competent share of whatever shall be taken there or elsewhere may be preserved to the Companys use towards their excessive charge.

But if when our Vice Admiral or Captaine Bromwell or whosoever else shall be appointed Commander-in-Chief of that squadron that goes up to Decca shall have gott possession of the Town, or have it in his power to possess himself of it, if then the Nabob will pay the Company what our Agent and Councill in the Bay shall think requisite towards the charge of this Fleet and secure the payment of the Companies debts, confirm'd to them and their successors for ever, the City and Territory of Chyttegam, and all their ancient priviledges in Bengall. In such case, on payment of the money we would have peace made and proclaimed, without offering any violence to the Town of Decca or any of the inhabitants, and without staying for any confirmation of the Nabob's peace from the Mogull. And in such case we would have, for the encouragement of our Officers, Seamen and Soldiers ⅓ʳᵈ part of what shall be received from yᵉ Nabob distributed amoung our Commanders, Officers, Seamen, and Soldiers according to the discretion of a Councill of Warr, giving most liberally to such as have suffered any maime or wound, or that were most forward in any dangerous enterprize.

We appoint that all of our Councill of Bengall and all Captains and Commanders of Ships be of all ordinary Councillors of Warr, but none in degree below a Captaine, but that our Generall and Admirall in Bengall may, when he thinks fitt, call a select Councill of Warr of the Commanders of our Flagg ships onely, and the second and third of Councill of Bengall.

Though we have appointed Captaine Nicholson to be onely Vice-Admiral in this expedition, our Agent in Bengall for the time being to be our Captaine General Admirall and Commander-in-Chief by Sea and land, as well as Governour of Chyttegam, yet at Fort Sᵗ George Road and in all places where our said Agent of Bengall is not present, Captaine Nicholson is to carry the Union Flagg in his main top as Admirall.

For the expedition of our fortifications at Chyttegam we do much depend upon the prudence of our said Vice-Admirall and all our Captains of sea and land forces. That they will by perswasion, their own example and some little rewards in Rack or otherwise, encourage all our Seamen and Soldiers to work hard upon our fortifications untill they are finished, for untill a Citty or an Army be intrenched out of danger of the enemy, no man ought to think himself too good to give his helping hand to make all sure, although after the danger is over such work is onely proper for Pioneers or such as you call Coolyes.

But our Admirall, Vice-Admirall, &c, must never think the danger over till they have about 200 good Ordnance mounted upon their Bastions as aforesaid, for though a less strength might be security against all the power of the Natives, who can bring no Army by land against Chyttegam nor otherwise approach, we know not how soone (they having mony enough) may hire the willing Dutch to assault us.

The Company in their Generall letter have intimated something to you concerning a proper place to be agreed for, as you did for Pryaman, for the future security of the China and Japan trades, and where the China Junks might come to our Factors safely without passing by Batavia or Mallacca, that place we mean is Jahore near the streights of Singapore, about which when you have a convenient opportunity by any of your own or Country Ships goeing that way, you may treat with the King of Jahore; but it must be done very privately before the Dutch gett any aire or mistrust of your intention, which if they should, they will certainly prevent you whatever it cost them as they would have done at Pryaman, but that your agreement was finished, and your force gone thither, before they knew any thing of it.

For your encouragement in this we can tell you, the King of Jahore many years earnestly invited us to a settlement and to build a Fort in his Country, but the Committees then were averse to the charge of Fortifications, as we should be now, but that the Dutch have now convinced us that we must either do as they do, or leave all India to their disposal.

If you could perswade the King of Jahore to send Embassadors to the Fort, the sight of your regularity, numbers of Inhabitants and force there, would the sooner engage him to make good terms with you, and it may be the same we have with Pryaman, then which we desire not better.

You must not forgett to send to Bengall some of ye bookes of Military discipline and Martiall Law now in use in His Majesty's Army, and to give them strict orders for keeping all our land Officers and Soldiers constantly to live and lodge in Hutts or Barracks within our Fort according to the usage of the moderne Garrisons in Europe, and that they may know how the more decently and conveniently to contrive them, we have ordered all our Commanders and Lieutenents bound for Bengall, before their goeing to sea to take a view of yt regular fortification of his Majesties, The Blockhouse at Gravesend.

In our Secret Instructions sent to our Agent Beard in the Bay, we have left it to his liberty, according as he finds our affairs in a good posture there, either to remain there as our Chief, or to come up to the Fort to you to be our 2nd with you, but we had then some thoughts that our Agent Gyfford might have been comeing for England, (though our hopes are, and desires to him that he will continue at least till he gives us timely notice of his intentions), and so intended Mr Beard to be second to our succeeding President Mr Yale: therefore if our President Mr Gyfford be there, our intention is not that Mr Yale shall be displaced but yt Mr Beard shall take place next to him, and accordingly we have explained our meaning to our said Agent Beard in the Bay.

Upon recollection and conference together about the great concernment of this expedicōn to Bengall, we have thought fitt to deferr sending you those Lawes we designed for Fort St George; and notwithstanding what we have writt about our Customs there to be raised to 5 per cent., wee will not absolutely enjoyn you thereunto at present, but if upon reasoning with the Portugueez and the Chiefs of the several Casts, you can perswade them to consent freely to such additionall Custome, you may do therein what you judge most seasonable for our service at this time, with a promise that we will never raise the Customs there or any part of India more, our purpose being never to exceed 5 per cent., at which rate it is already settled in all other English Garrisons in India except Fort St George.

The Governour and Committees in their Generall Letter to their Generall and Councill at Suratt overland, bearing date the 17th June last, (among other things) write as followeth, *vizt*:

"As we would have you give no affront to the Dutch, so we would have you by all just means and force to defend yourselves in case they attempt by any hostile means to deprive you of the Pepper trade on yᵉ Coast of Mallabar, and that if they shall presume first to take any of the Native boats loaden with Pepper for our Accounts that you doe reprize yourselves by taking the like of theirs.

"In regard we have given you direction to reprize yourselves for any Pepper Boats the Dutch may take from you, as is directed in the preceeding paragraph for that purpose, We now think fitt to order you, in case the Dutch upon such Bickerings concerning the Natives Pepper boats aforesaid shall proceed to prosecute you with any further Warr, that you not only defend yourselves manfully by arms, but also reprize yourselves upon them; and in such case of a Warr, we doe for the strengthening yourselves and weakening of the enemy, order and require you to proclaime (in all the usuall Languages of India) protection to all Dutchmen or others in their service that shall repair to Bombay to your assistance, with promise, that such people resorting to you as friends or assistants, shall be not only defended and protected by you, but shall enjoy freedome of trade to any Ports or places in India whatsoever, and all other immunities equally with the Company's own English Servants and such as are (under His Majesty) subjects to His Majesty's East India Company in India. And we would have you immediately send a Copy of this Clause to our President and Councill of Fort St. George, requiring them to make yᵉ like Proclamacōn and provision for their defence."

Which Clauses or Paragraphs before they were subscribed by our Court of Committees, were presented to and approved by His Majesty. And if any consequence happen thereupon between our People and the Dutch upon that Coast, You must pursue such order as our Generall shall give touching the Proclamation therein mentioned.

We remain—

Your loving friends,

JOSEPH ASHE, *Govʳ*,

JOSᴬ CHILD, *Deputy*,

BEN. BATHURST.

JOSEPH HERNE.

London, 24th February 1685.

OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE—

We have writt you at large by the *Beaufort*, *Rochester* and *Nathaneil*, and remember little to be now added to you, but to inculcate our orders respecting the increase of our Revenue which we require you to improve by all the methods we have directed, and such others as your own ingenuity shall invent, by conference with Captⁿ Nicholson, Mʳ Stileman, and others that have seen the practice of the Dutch wisdom at Batavia in that respect which was certainly the foundacōn of their greatness in India, and is now the support of it.

We have very particularly in our former letters directed your making provision of some sorts of goods resembling our Bay goods, which you must necessarily enjoyne our Black Merchants and all persons of whom you buy our comon sorts of goods to provide you of each some little quantity of the new sorts now desired, and at moderate rates, which you may easily convince their understandings will be as much their own interest as ours. Because if we can have the same goods from the Fort upon as easy termes as we buy them elsewhere it will be evidently our interest to make the greatest Investment at that place, where we have so great a strength.

We hope with this to send you an authentic copy of our new Charter, wherein you will see His present Majesty hath been pleased to grant and confirm to us all the powers we can possibly desire, and all that the Dutch have or can pretend to from their Sovereigns, so that now our Constitucõn stands upon the same foot of power with the Dutch Company. And if we do not manage it as well and as much to the publick advantage as the Dutch do, the fault must be ours that we do not direct you well and wisely; or yours that you do not effectually, prudently and faithfully pursue those direccõns we give you; which we hope you will never give us cause to say of you.

We understand by conference with Capt^{n} Andrews that there is up within the land of Sumatra a great King called the Monane Cabo, which is the principall and paramount King of that Island of Sumatra, and that the Dutch keep a constant correspondence with him, and two or three Factors alwayes att his Court; designing without question, the same Kindness to him, which they have done to the King of Ceilon, now called King of Canda. Because they have gott all his Sea ports We think (to prevent their design thereof at Sumatra) it may be convenient for our President to write a Civill letter to him and send him such a Present in such kind and manner as M^{r} Ord (upon his better experience of that Country and customs) shall advise, and with your present to make such request to that great King, as shall tend most to the Company's advantage, settlement and security of that important place of Pryaman, which we would have you strengthen and cultivate by all means within your power, and that you would constantly supply them with such Portugeez or other Native Soldiers, as you think may be faithfull to us, which we hope any will, that have been bred under the English, and such peradventure may have their healths at Pryaman better than fresh men sent from England, besides which, they are cheaper. And we are assured, the Dutch in their Forts upon that Coast (for the causes aforesaid) do make very much use of Macassar and Bugga's Soldiers.

Whenever you renew any Treaty or obtain any Phirmaund from the King of Gulcondah or Sombajee, or any other Prince or Nation, We would have you endeavour in all such cases to obtain an article that any Englishman, or other subject or subjects of our Sovereigne Lord the King abiding, or being in any parts of their respective dominions (without our Presidents' leave or consent) shall upon demand be delivered up unto you.. And the like order we would have you give to our Agent and Councill at Bengall with respect to any new Treaty that they may have occasion to enter into with any Prince or Nation hereafter. For although we design great liberty for free Merchants as well as free Ships to go for India and trade there without prejudice to the Company, yet we resolve that no Englishman shall ever abide or stay in India without giving constant and due obedience to all our Rules and Orders, and to respective Chiefs and Councils, among which rules and orders of ours, you must not forget, that our rule is, that whatever Englishman hath liberty to trade in India, is to keep house or reside with his family at Fort S^{t}. George, or in some other of our fortified towns or places and their to pay (as we usually say) Scott and Lott to the Company as Lords Proprietors and Protectors of that place under his Majesty.

And whereas it hath been a fruitless custom of our Predecessors to send for criminals and illmen home, where we have not tyme (nor are indeed a fitt constitucõn) to follow the law effectually against particular persons especially in triviall cases, We would hereafter, now you have all sorts of law in yourselves, punish all offences and offenders there by fines to the Company or other punishments as the merits of their case shall require, as the Dutch do for any Englishman in India (how bad soever) is a stranger to the place. If our Government there be wise and sharp enough to force him to be of good behaviour or keep him in Goal till he be so, or otherwise punish him, if his crimes be of higher nature.

We have ordered the Capt^{n} of the *Pryaman* to take in a quantity of wine at Madera, of which half is to be sent you from Pryaman, which we think may amount to ten or fifteen Butts. Part for the use of our Factory as you shall see cause, and the overplus to be sold for our account, and we have ordered a less proportion to be sent to Bengall of which you may give intimacõn to our Agent and Council there.

We remain—

Your loving friends,

GEORGE BOUN,
JOHN GOODERE,
W^{M} SEDGWICKE,
W^{M} JARRETT,
R. HUTCHINSON,
JOHN MOORE,
JERREMY SAMBROOKE.

JOS^{A} CHILD, *Deputy*,
JA. EDWARDS,
BEN. BATHURST,
SAM. DASEWOOD,
JAM. WARD,
THO: RAWLINSON.
CHRST. BOONE,
JOHN LETHIEULIERE,

London, 9th June 1686.

Our Governor in Council at Priaman or elsewhere in the West Coast of Sumatra.

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Ship to be dispatched for Bengall within 14 days after her arrivall.

Let all immaginable dispatch be made in the discharge of this Ship, and reloading her with what Pepper you have in readiness (be it little or much) with which dispatch her to our Agent and Council in Bengall, within 14 dayes after her arrivall with you, and be sure that within that time you fail not to give the Capt^{n} his sailing orders, or dispatches, that if the Capt^{n} should stay longer about his own business you may be clear of the blame and we of the Demorage for the time he loiters away afterwards.

Pacquett to Bengall to be forwarded with all possible speed and security.

We give you the short time aforesaid for the dispatch of this Ship, because we would hasten her down into the Bay to visit and countenance our Agent and Council there, who have been basely abused by the Native Governors of Bengall, who in consequence may for ought we know be in hostility with them and want the aid of such a considerable a ship as this is. So that if you can fully load her with Pepper in the time before prefixt, we shall esteem it most acceptable service, and value your dilligence accordingly, but except, you have cause to hope you shall be able fully to load her with Pepper, keep her not above the first limitted 14 dayes, in which time put all the Pepper you can possibly procure aboard of her and consign it to our Agent and Council in Bengall to whom send forward our Pacquett inclosed by the Comm̃der, Captain Consett, and if before Capt^{n} Consett's departure from you any opportunity present for the safe conveyance of a letter to Bengall, send by such previous conveyance one Copy of our said enclosed letter to our Agent and Council in Bengall, for which purpose we have sent you with this a duplicate thereof.

That shipp notwithstanding what said before may upon apparent danger from our Enemys be kept with you and not else.

Notwithstanding all we have said before and the reall cause there is that this ship should be expediciously dispatched to y^{e} countenance and assistance of our Agent and Council in Bengall, yett if you are in present apparent danger of any attempts of the Dutch, or the Natives powerfull disturbing your settlement, you may keep this ship longer upon that Coast for your own defence notwithstanding both our former limitations, but we shall think you men unworthy of any trust, if from this indullgence of ours you should take a pretence to delay the Ship in compliance with the Captain's own private designs, or for other negligent private or sinister respect whatsoever.

If occasion requires then that Ship to be dispatched for Bengall with provision to B.B.

A further ground of our enjoyned expedition in this affair is, We can't tell but our differences in Bengall with the Moor's Governors may have caused hostilities between our Generall and Councill at Bombay and the Mogull's Governors at Suratt, in which case Bombay may happen to be straitened of Provisions and otherwise to stand in need of the countenance and aid of a Ship of such great force as this is, and therefore (as you may perceive by our letter to Bengall) we are as earnest to have her dispatched with provisions from Bengall to Bombay as we are to have her dispatched from you with Pepper to our Agent and Council in the Bay.

What Soldiers can be spared from the West Coast as well Maccassars as others to be sent to assist at Bengall if they are in want thereof.

We do not positively order you to send any of the Soldiers on board this Ship to Bengall, because we know not whether our differences there with the Moors be grown to such an height y^{t} our Agent and Council there will have any need of recruits, neither do we know yett whether you have one Garrison on y^{e} West Coast of Sumatra or 2, nor consequently what recruits of English Soldiers you may stand in need of, but you must have fresher intelligence from the Bay then it is possible for us here, and therefore if you find by your intelligence that our Agent, &^{c}, may stand in need of more English Soldiers and that you can spare them for the present, we would have you not only send them halfe the Soldiers on board the Ship, but also 60 or 80 Buggess or Maccassar Soldiers more to encrease our strength in the Bay.

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Your very loving friends,

NATH^{LL} MOUNTENEY,
RICH. HUTCHINSON,
ROB. MARSHALL,
JAM. WARD,
RICH. STERNE,
JN^{o} GOODERE,
JN^{o} CREED,
EDWARDES BOUVERIE.

JOS^{A} CHILD, *Governor*,
BEN. BATHURST, *Deputy*,
BERKELEY,
JOHN MOORE,
THOS. CHAMBER,
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Hugly 12th May 1685.

To the HONBLE Wm GYFFORD Esqre
Govr of Fort St George & Citty of Madras,
Presdt &ca Councill for affairs of the Honble English East India Compa cn
Coast of Cormandell Bay of Bengall &ca

HONBLE Sr &ca

Our last to your Honr &c was 25th Febry 1684 by Pattamer overland, advising ye Arrivall of Ship *Loyall Eagle* wth coppie of ye Honble Compas Generall to ye Bay and what letters came to ye Fort by sd ship, and second bill of lading for Ship *Defence*, since which on 8th instant have recd youre Hônors &ca of 5th March last in answer to ours of 1st & 6th Jany: to which shall now reply.

Wee are much troubled yt ye Protest against Agent Hedges &ca for carrying away Robert Hedges (greatly a Debtor to ye Honoble Compa) came to late, which was by ye unfaithfullness of ye Frenchman who gave us great assurances yt he would not pass by wthout delivering ye pacquett to ye Honble Presidt with his own hand, who wee feare was induc'd thereunto by some yt gott ye knowledge of what was in ye pacquett after it was out of our hands.

To withdraw or Factories of Pattana & Dacca, whatever good effect it might have, we find impossible to be done without ye respective Nabobs of each place, their Dustuck, which wee are now concern'd and certain that as they will not doe it till all our Debts are pay'd, soe without it our people cannot come away, and to pay our debts wee have been noe way capable to this Day. 'Tis true wee have come by ye *Eagle* 21 Chests of Silver, but ye southerly monzoon held out in Ballasore so long before they could have a slatch to get out, yt 'tis but lately yt our Treasure came up, and such are ye Horrible abuses of the mint, ye troubles at Cassimbazar (and Ballasore of which more after reply to youre letter) yt we have not sent up our treasure to ye mint, and sell it wee can't for ready mony at any reasonable rate, yett notwithstanding wee have not fail'd to insist upon demanding of our, but all to noe purpose, for they increase their wrongs and injuries.

Wee have great demands upon us for money at interest at Cassimbazar, but have not had money to satisfie ym, but we hope Mr. Charnock &ca will pay of ye most urgent with ye money that could be spared them of ye remains of ye Mint.

Att Cassimbazar after all Endeavours used att Dacca and with the Governr at Muxadavad to have yt business arbitrated by Merchants, wee cannot yett bring it to any issue, they insisting upon our paying ye Picars ye 43,000 Rups. as wee have in our former advised, though wee have been put upon it to make tryall of coming away yet wee find it cannot be done without ye countreys leave, and though wee have twenty souldiers there they signifie nothing, for wee must neither shoot nor cutt except wee would endanger all the Honoble Compas Estate and ourselves both aloft and there to be cutt off.

The Present wee gave ye Nabob, it being handsome and of good vallue, was kindly accepted, after way made which cost some time, yett ye Picars making an offer to him of soe great a part of what he would now soe unjustly force from us, wee can expect noe justice from him unless wee offer him a greater sume.

Wee are glad to heare the *Syam Mercht* did not miss of ye Persia voiage. It being soe late before we could gett in ye sugars for ye *Bengall Mercht* togeather with ye necessity wee were put to of sending part of her Lading downe by Purgoes, which had a long passage down, it was to late for her to call att Metchlepatam and save her voiage as formerly advised, shee being dispatched not till 1st of February.

The Countrey vessell upon which Mr Griffith came, made soe bad weather in the road yt he went on board ye *Eagle* and not having an oppertunity for getting a Pillott off, the Master ventur'd up and came safe hither, Mr Griffith is since gone to Ballasore, whence wee expected him by ye first oppertunity. When he comes will be very wellcome to us att a time when wee want not only Councell but strength, the Agent having been under great indisposition these eight or ten dayes. M^{r} Ley continues a living man to admiration being soe worne away and soe weake with his flux and feavour (still continuing), that he can't help himselfe, y^{t} of his recovery wee have little hopes.

As we have indeavoured to keep y^{e} Merch^{ts} up to their Musters being sensible y^{e} Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} have been wronged therein, soe wee shall endeavour to putt off what Europe goods we have, being principally lead of which wee have great quantity, and it is of little or noe demand in y^{e} Countrey, and therefore of low price, y^{e} truth is wee have noe People here for trade, they knowing little or nothing but the takeing of the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} money and therewith picking up Cloth amonge the Weavers.

Wee are exceeding glad to heare y^{e} *Beaufort* & *Rochester* were not only dispatched in time but with soe considerable Cargoes, and pray with you they may safely arrive with our Hono^{ble} Masters, and are noe less glad you have found an imployment for the *Resolution* and *Defence* to soe hopefull a purpose for y^{e} time to come, and have allsoe for y^{e} present, so as y^{t} it may answer their stay by finding a considerable part of their Lading att Priaman, where wee shall be glad to heare y^{t} youre intended settlement may succeed, and y^{t} our people have soe much health as may incourage to a fixing there. The long stay of y^{e} *John and Mary* makes y^{e} issue doubtfull, pray God shee come safe att last, wee hope y^{e} *Amoy Merch^{t}* from Syllabarr will returne in due time, the *Persia Merch^{t}* one of y^{e} two early ships you mention is arrived safe in y^{e} road on y^{e} second instant having made her voiage in 5 month & 16 dayes, and hope the other did arrive with you as soon. The coppie of y^{e} Generalls wee rec^{d} from y^{e} Hono^{ble} Comp^{a}, List of goods and List of shipping wee send you though doubt not but you have rec^{d} coppies thereof by s^{d} other early ship.

Wee are sorry to heare soe many Interlopers have escaped, one of which *vizt.* the *Barkeloan* having been at Acheen & soe to Syam, wee doubt not but tis M^{r} White's designe and feare the *Hono^{ble} Const^{t} Faukon* may be too much concerned to doe y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} any service therin.

The Vaqueel did not depart hence till 24th March last, besides some business of his own (as we believe) which made him willing to linger away y^{e} time, y^{t} unhappy accident of Ballasore of y^{e} Seamens' takeing downe y^{e} King's standard &^{ca} (which how light soever any may make of it, yett we had reason to feare might have brought all into extreem danger) lay'd us under a necessity of using all meanes to make friends with y^{e} Phousdar of that place who is allsoe Phousdar of Hugly and resides here, to whom the cognizance of y^{t} action did immediately belong, Mamood Huriff was y^{e} only man y^{t} could doe it, and y^{e} matter was (or was made by him) of soe great difficulty y^{t} wee were att last forced to send him away before 'twas made up.

Wee rec^{d} a letter from y^{e} Hono^{ble} President of Suratt in answer to y^{e} Letter of y^{e} Hono^{ble} Presid^{t} & Councill here of 27th Sept^{r} last being duplicate of y^{t} whereof you sent us Coppy, and had returned him answer before we read your's Coppy whereof wee herewith send you.

When wee receive y^{e} muster of cotton yarne by Mr. Griffith from y^{e} Hono^{b} Comp^{a} wee shall indeavour to imitate & procure w^{t} quantity possible.

That there should be soe great an error in y^{e} Invoice of Gold is matter of wonder to us, 'tis true there was cutt off at every Ingott for Essay's part of which is deducted from y^{e} foot of the weight in y^{e} Invoice, *vizt.*, what was melted downe for essaies amo^{ts} to 2$^{cwts.}$ 2$^{oz:}$ 13$^{dt.}$ 0$^{gr.}$; the remainder was in a bagg which y^{e} Agent forgetting to put up in y^{e} Chest with y^{e} gold put it up in a Chest belonging to y^{e} President * * stables notice thereof att the Dutch garden of which he took a Memorandum, however making noe doubt but what you write is y^{e} truth wee must give Acc^{t} Curr^{t}, London Creditt for y^{e} same and Debt Rajamaiel which will add to y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Losse by Mr. Robert Hedges who putt y^{e} Ingotts up, neither were they weighed by any body else nor were in any ones hand but y^{e} Agents who opened y^{e} chest to find out Ingotts y^{t} might amo^{t} to y^{e} weight of what money y^{e} Presid^{t} could spare us, and wee then needed, for which he was pleas'd to lett us have Silver.

The error in y^{e} Invoice by y^{e} *Eagle* wee find and shall give Acc^{t} Curr^{t} London true Creditt.

Wee are satisfied y^t you had occasion enough for y^e Silver by y^e *Syam Merch^t*, and have noe reason to grudge it, Your Hono^r &^{ca} being capable of improving it much better y^n we could in our circumstances.

It was an ignorance y^t coppies of what Letters went hence immediately for England were required by youre Hon^r &$^{ca.}$ otherwise should certainly have sent them, but now we know it is our duty wee shall no more omitt it, and herewith wee send copies of what wrote by y^e *Henry and William*, and allsoe by y^e *Ann*, and if wee send any to y^e Hono^{ble} Comp^a by way of y^e Fort wee shall send y^m open as wee propose to doe if God grant us life and health y^e beginning of y^e next month to goe by y^e *Bengalla Merch^t* or some other ship we hope you may send in August.

That there was great want of goods according to y^e Invoice and Bill of laden by y^e *Defence*, wee know but could not advise thereof, wee making Invoice and Bill of lading here for what sent from hence which wee were necessitated to load upon Purgoes (the Sloop being imployed in carrying bale goods for y^e *Ann* &^{ca} as formerly advised soe y^t Cap^t Heath might justly make exception to the Bill of Lading, and for y^e loss wee must give an Acc^t Curr^t London Cred^t by Proffitt and loss. It being cast away to prevent such losses for y^e future, Wee agreeing with youre Hon^r &^{ca} shall (besides what formerly wrote) give our further opinions to y^e Hono^{ble} Comp^a &^{ca} about y^e smaller ships coming up into y^e River and y^e bigger to Kedgeree &^{ca}, but we are at a loss for Pillotts, it being soe difficulty to gett sober men and y^e Hono^{ble} Comp^a sending none out, and those that stay behind their ships w^{ch} we are forced to make use of are usually y^e worst of men.

And now having given replies to youre Hono^r &^{ca} in answer to ours of 1st & 6th Jany :, we shall proceed to give a brief Acc^t of y^e state of affairs here att present.

Att Cassimbazar (as wee have allready hinted) it is noe better then 'twas when y^e Hono^{ble} Presid^t hence, about which time they are blocked up tho' sometimes their restraint is less being not put so hard to it for provisions &^{ca} as att other times, and wee having indeed noe cash to give out on Impress (as was usuall in March and Aprill) wee were tempted to make a virtue of our necessity and gave out y^t it might be reported abroad * * * * * * * * out any more money till y^t controversie was decided, y^e noise of w^{ch} made y^e poor people to clamour & complaine y^t if y^e English gave out noe money they could not pay their rents nor Pollmoney upon w^{ch} y^e Congo or gatharer of y^e people, *org* in the original, was soe farr sensible y^t he became a Mediator with y^e Phousdar of Muxadavad and wee had thereupon great hopes to have had the business issued a month agoe, but y^t wretched & covetous Phousdar having great promises made him by y^e Picars besides what they have promised y^e Nabob, is att last come to noe other Resolution y^n y^t wee must pay according to y^e Cozzee's arbitrament, and y^e last letter from Cassimbazar dated 3rd instant tell us he threatned to send horse & foot to y^e Factory next day to force from them 45000 Rs, so that wee expected y^t would be y^e issue, though 2 or 3 dayes since M^r Charnock, in a ꝑticular to y^e Agent hinted y^t they had better hopes of having things fairly accommodated, but wee have been to often deceived to place any dependance upon such uncertainties though hope for the best.

From Dacca wee are advised y^t Haggerston by his impudent lyes and insinuating carriage to some great men there to whom he has been very acceptable has obtained a Perwanna from the Nabob (translate whereof wee herewith send you) and with it an Assoal * (or messengers from y^e Nabob) to see it executed. Upon Rec^{pt} of y^e Coppie of y^e said Perwanna wee have a just and true acco^t of y^e case to Abdulrunmy Govern^r here on whom the Perwanna is, and when Haggerston comes wee shall either demand him to be delivered to us as a subject of y^e King of England, & therefore not to be admitted to a tryall of their Durbarrs against us who are alisoe subjects to y^e same King, y^t may send him to Suratt to answer for his crimes, or otherwise shall use noe uttmost endeavours to detect his villanies and Forgeries by proving it was not possible for him to have such an Estate, and therefore wee could not rob him as he alledges, and shall act according to y^e best of our judgements as occasion requires to secure y^e Hono^{ble} from Damage.

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* *Yasaval*, Yasawal properly H. An officer of parade, on. carrying a gold or silver staff. A State messenger.—*Wilson' Glossary of Indian Terms*,

Wee had noe sooner made up y^{e} Difference with y^{e} Phousdar about y^{e} riott at Ballasore (which was done with great expense & trouble) and had made what provision wee could against y^{e} like disorder for y^{e} future by draught of Letters to be delivered to Commanders of Ships (Coppie whereof goes herewth, but there came advice to us from Ballasore y^{t} on y^{e} 10th Aprill att night there was a murther comitted upon a Peon belonging to y^{e} Catwall's watch and some others wounded, the body of w^{ch} murther'd person being carried to y^{e} Phousdar & inquiry made, they fix it on the English w^{ch} we feare has too much Truth, though wee doe what wee can with the Governours to keep them off with too narrow a search. For should it be proved upon us, wee are not able to compute what their demands may be, which has caused their being blocked up, and all business whatsoever stoped ever since y^{t} time. Cap^{t} Bonnell was here and some of his men were ashore there, but we have advice they were all in his house & asleep when this was done, there are other English as severall Runawayes and others ashore, who are guilty of great disorders, wee are strugling hard with it but cannot guess what will be the issue, this is the worst of our troubles, this (if proved soe) giving y^{m} just occasion to say and doe y^{t} against us which they have used to doe when noe occasion, soe y^{t} wee lye att y^{e} mercy of every Rogue and villain to ruin y^{e} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} affaires, such are our circumstances in this place.

HONO^{BLE} S^{R} &^{CA}

You see what is y^{e} worke wee have to doe, Instead of compliance with y^{e} Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} orders & their great expectations from us, wee can doe nothing but conflict with and indeavour to cleare ourselves from severall great troubles (bringing with y^{m} many smaller ones) which wee will not trouble you with, from which you may collect what wee are like to doe toward the loading of this yeares shipping, as wee yett have noe money to give out, soe if wee had, wee could not doe it; wee have here wth us y^{e} *Loyall Eagle* & *Persia Merch*^{t}. *The Loyall Eagle*, considering how you have disposed of y^{e} *Resolution* & *Defence*, if y^{e} clouds blow over in any time wee hope to dispatch seasonably. The *Persia Merch*^{t} youre Hono^{r} &^{ca} may see is ordered to be loaden wth Petre & remaines of goods and to be sent up to y^{e} Fort calling att y^{e} northern Factories, should wee comply therewith wee feare wee should not load y^{e} *Eagle*, our remains being what wee cheifly depend on for her loading, and wee are of opinion if y^{e} *Persia Merchant* stay wee may (tho' it may be late first) load her away allsoe from this place directly, and should be loath to run that adventure with y^{e} *Eagle*, who would be in soe bad a condition by loss of men and lying soe long in y^{e} Roade. If wee would dispatch y^{e} *Persia Merch*^{t} to y^{e} Coast (as ordered) wee can neither send downe goods to her nor shee gett out (soe as to reach y^{e} Coast) before y^{e} Moonsoon be broken up. Y^{e} southerly winds blow soe hard in y^{e} Roade y^{t} wee can give noe guess when wee shall have up y^{e} Treasure by y^{e} *Persia Merch*^{t}, being forty chests, be pleased to lett us have youre opinion & orders touching said ship speedily.

And here we cannot but note to youre Hono^{r} &^{ca} y^{t} 'tis impossible y^{t} Treasure in y^{e} same yeare (tho' some come never soe soon) should serve our turn for our Investment, wee must have money to give out in March & Aprill, or else wee shall lose y^{e} March Bund of Silke as wee must have done this yeare if wee had had no troubles, as wee did the November bund last yeare, The Treasure y^{t} arrives in May cannot be gott up, sent to Rajamaul and begunn to be coined before y^{e} latter end of June or beginning of July, from which time we can have about a Lack and a halfe or two Lack of Rupees ꝑ mensem coined for all y^{e} Factories; nor can wee sell Treasure to y^{e} Merchants for ready money, wee might give Dollers out upon Dadnee, but then y^{e} Mint would be soe clog'd with y^{e} Merchants Silver y^{t} y^{e} Comp^{a} must stay to take their turn for coining of theirs, soe y^{t} there is noe advantage in selling, as to expedition of business and a loss in y^{e} price of y^{e} Mint yeilding more then can sell for considerably, wee must give out our money before hand or wee can have noe goods, and y^{e} earlier wee give it out y^{e} cheaper wee may have all sorts of goods not onely in their Factory but all others.

15th May 1685.

Yesterday arrived Capt Norgrave from Suratt bringing us a short Genll Letter dated 22nd March last, we expected Mahuzars* & Letters from ye Governors &ca there relating to Haggerston upon which we had great dependance, but they only tell us yt he is soe great a Rogue that noe body will beleive him. By ye same ship came a Suratt Pacquett for Fort St George wch are sent herewth.

Wee are—
HONOBLE Sr &CA
Your most humble Servants

JOHN BEARD

FRANCIS ELLIS

RICHD TRENCHFIELD

EDWARD OXBOROUGH

P. S.—Wee have omitted to acquaint Your Honr &c that by ye *Loyall Eagle* wee Recd. one Chest of Gold gt 7 baggs of Foreign Coines amot to
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13693 : 6 : 9 of which wee have promised about 2000£ vallue to Dacca, For ye rest wee desire ye vallue thereof may be sent us in Silver (besides what ye Honoble Compa have ordered us from your Honor &ca by ye first ship yt comes, and wee shall send your Honor &ca by ye returne of ye same ship, or by ye first ship yt goes hence, for if wee should not have ye silver from you till ye Gold arrives, wee cant expect it this yeare, Wee humbly crave your Honor &ca answer to all as soon as possible.

J. B.
F. E.
R. T.
E. O.

Hugly 24th Aprill 1685.

To THE HONOBLE JOHN CHILD,
Governr of Bombay & President for Affairs of the
Honobl English East India Compa att Suratt &ca

HONOBLE Sr &CA

Your Honors of ye 31st Xbr last wee have Recd and Returne our most hearty thanks. Yt when you had soe great affaires on youre hand and under many ill circumstances with accumulated troubles Your Honor was pleased soe throughly to debate in youre mind the last Remedy for conservation of our Previledges, restoring our Trade and Redress of ye many Injuries & oppressing wee lye under, and signifieng ye same to us and ye Honoble President att the Fort, and 'tis soe much the more greatfull in yt for most part youre Debates agrees with ours, (& in the rest wee agree with you) wherin youre Honor argues to great purpose, by which there arose soe great a Difficulty, yt what was Referred to us (tho' with great caution) wee could not but referr back to ye Honoble Compa for their more positive orders after their further Debate of ye matter throughly weighing ye Difficulties as they did appeare to us, which wee lay'd before their Honors and signified ye same to your Honor by ours of ye 5th Xber last ꝑ Capt Pine, which wee hope you Recd, A Coppie whereof wee send herewith.

Wee have sent one Mahmoodhuriffe a Mussulaman (who has been long ye Honoble Compas Vaqueel and understands all their business) to ye King & Visier to Represent our Greivances wth needfull instructions about talking of our paying Custome &ca which wee have done three yeares to ye great retarding ye

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* Mahuzars, properly Muhâzir-nama, incorrectly, Mahazer-namah, H. A document, certificate, affidavit, signed by a number of persons, all of whom are present.—*Wilson's Glossary of Indian Terms.*

Honoble Compas affaires as well as other troubles, giving him order yt as soone as he shall arive att Court he give youre Honor to understand where he resides & withall to signify wherin you may afford him youre assistance being much nearer the Court then ourselves, humbly intreating Yor Honor yt you will please in what ye sayd Vaqueel shall apply to you to afford him youre direction and uttmost assistance, presuming you have had transmitted to you from ye Fort by ye President an Accot what he is to sue for and his instructions thereabouts, this is a matter of very great moment, ye paying of custome being ye Hinge upon wch the troubles turne, which wee are conflicting with every day.

Wee shall not trouble yor Honor further to divert yor thoughts from prosecuting yor more immediate affaires in which wee most heartily wish you good success and Remain

HONOBLE SR

Your most humble Servants

JOHN BEARD

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EDWARD OXBOROUGH

Hugly 15th June 1685.

To THE HONOBLE WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqre
Governr of Fort St George & Citty of Madras Presidt &c Councill for
Affaires of the Rt Honoble English East India Compa on the Coast
of Cormandell Bay of Bengall &ca

HONOBLE SR &CA

Our last to your Honor &ca was ye 12th & 15th past, overland Coppy whereof goes herewith, since which (vizt on ye 13th instant) wee have received two from Yor Honor &ca dat: 20th & 28th Aprill last by ye hands of Mr. Edw. Littleton, to which wee shall now very briefly reply, they being answers to our former & what is needfull therin shall give due observance.

Wee us'd our endeavours to perswaide Capt Bonnell to come up ye River but having no power to order him; after a Councill he held with his Officers, they were all against it, she being a ship of two great a Draught and it being to great a hazard for him to run.

Wee are glad to hear the *Amoy Mercht* is arrived full Laden from ye West Coast of Sumatra, but can't but be sensible that that happy success accompanyed with ye loss of 3 of those in Commission, and that 'tis doubtfull whether Mr du: Jardin be dead or alive, & are glad you have found others yt notwithstanding such discouragement have put on Resolution with cheerfullness to undertake it; & heartily wish wee may hear of their wellfair, and yt ye *Resolution* & *Defence* may have like success in their Loading there, which will ye better enable you to send them immediately away upon their arrivall.

We are sorry to hear you Designe ye *Syam Mercht* hither, the reason you will see in the Acct wee give of our affaires after wee have Reply'd to your Letter.

Two ships to fetch Petre or what else you think fitt to lye ye Moonzoon here wee shall take care to dispatch you with all possible expedition, & shall follow ye further orders wee shall receive from Yor Honor &ca therin.

Att Cassimbuzar they are in ye same circumstances as when wee wrote you last, wee having refused to pay ye 43000 Rups. which is now come up to 45000 Rups. upon wch allsoe ye 150000 Rups. depends, and shall continue our Resolutions not to yeild in that case, tho' it has brought many ill consequencys upon ye Honoble Compas Affaires, yett wee think them not soe bad as to yeild to such a Presedent and are glad wee have your positive order not to yeild to it.

As to ye withdrawing of our Factories when our Debts are paid whether they will give us leave or noe 'tis doubtfull to us, they seeming to be apprehensive y^{t} if wee goe away wee will right ourselves of our injuries one way or other, of which more after our Reply.

The troubles at Ballasore were not soe easily accommodated but y^{t} 'tis brought in upon all occasions to justifie their insolencies against us, as allsoe y^{e} latter (mentioned in our last) which was of a higher nature.

TO YOUR HONO^{r} &^{ca} OF 28th APRILL.

We are glad the Sloope *Thomas* is come safe soe farr tho' not arrived with you and that you received ours sent by her.

Touching y^{e} Loss of Petre & Turmerick wee have made Acc^{t} Curr^{t} London D^{r} for y^{e} whole, & Cr by Profitt and Loss, for what Lost.

Mahmoodhurriffe (or Vaqueel to Court) by reason of bad weather had a tedious passage as he gives us Account, and departed nott from Pattana, till 17th past when he began his journey for y^{e} King's Camp.

Wee are convinced more and more y^{t} wee have reason to complain to y^{e} King against these Governours, but y^{e} complaints wee make will signify nothing wee fear, unless wee had some great men att Court that are enemies to these persons and whom wee could make our Friends.

Scarlett	p^{s}	20
Fine Green	„	15
Ord^{ry} Red	„	30
Ord^{ry} Green	„	20

Wee desire Broadcloth may be sent us accordingly as is expressed in a paper inclosed.

Wee give our Advices to Cassimbuzar in conformity to yo^{r} Hon^{r} &^{ca} Order y^{t} care may be taken for giving out money to Responsible persons, except where it may fetch in good part of their old Debts.

After a tedious & troublesome passage Mr. Griffith arrived here the second instant, being forced att last to come by land from Ballasore, who is very wellcome to us, he arriving y^{e} very day preceeding our great distress of which now wee shall give you an Account.

The matter of y^{e} Pretended Murther att Ballasore (mentioned in our last) tho' lay hard upon us how to prevent their Wacka's* & Mahuzars from going to Dacca yett att last was accommodated at Ballasore upon y^{e} best termes wee could tho' wth great charges to y^{e} Hono^{ble} Camp^{a}.

Att the same time there was trouble coming upon us here w^{ch} wee then hoped to worke off, y^{e} Govern^{r} requiring our Merch^{ts} to sign a writing, Translate whereof wee send herewith, wee strugled with it some time, att last y^{e} Govern^{r} sent out his Peons, fetched in our Merchants, & by beating them with Bamboes, forced thirteen of them to signe s^{d} writing. Whilst wee were contending with them and indeavouring to gett this matter off, Three ships arrived here from Suratt, & from some persons y^{t} were upon them, the Govern^{r} had intimation that y^{e} ships belonged to Moodies Banians &^{ca} and had only an English Master and some few men who Act by Commission for them, only the Master having some small interest in y^{e} ship. Wee having att first owned y^{e} s^{d} ships as y^{e} Comp^{as}, (as wee esteeme all that Trade by their permission,) wee thought not fitt to enquire too strictly into the truth, having reason to feare the worst, our contending with them herein caused them to put a stop upon our landing goods, Provisions or any thing whatsoever. Att which time we had to contend with them allsoe in y^{e} case of Haggerston who arrived 17 of May last with a dozen Peons & Horsmen & an Asoal (or messenger) to see his Perwanna executed. Upon his arrivall, he apply's himselfe to y^{e} Govern,^{r} & y^{e} Yassoal demands justice, when y^{e} Perwanna was read in y^{e} open Court they sent one to us for Vaqueel to answer for us, and they made known to him w^{t} had passed and required y^{t} wee should appoint a Sherah Vaqueel, and wee to give a writing to stand to what he should doe. Wee sent them word that y^{e} English Company had been here 55 yeares and never had any case brought into the Adollat, especially between English and English, and y^{t} in y^{e} first Perwanna wee had for trading here provision was made y^{t} all causes between one Englishman & another should be determined by y^{e} Chief, that wee were unacquainted with y^e lawes and could not instruct a Vaqueel &^{ca} and told y^m we had given in a just & true Acc^t of what Agent Hedges had seized on, and sent to Suratt, That Agent Hedges was gon home for England who by y^e Perwanna was to be examined there in that matter, That the Hono^{ble} Comp^a was no wayes concerned nor y^e present Agent further then to be a wittness to y^e truth of y^e Acc^t wee had given in, wherin he with others of y^e Comp^{as} Serv^{ts} were ready to give them any satisfaction in a private way, and moreover y^t we were ready by severall persons y^t were now arrived from Surat to give them clear proof, 1st of Haggerston's Poverty, 2nd of his Roguery in running away with y^e Merch^{ts} estates, and that he had forged an Accompt and raised many lies upon y^e English to keep himselfe from Justice. But all signified nothing, they sayes these persons are all parties and their evidence not to be allowed, with much more too tedious to give acc^t of, But by such matter as wee had we held y^m in hand hoping by some means or other to prevail with them to have y^e matter issued otherwise then in their Adollat, wee were sure to be cast, att last it grew soe high, that y^e Govern^r threatned to shut us up not allowing us provisions, wood nor water, and would write to y^e Nabob, and when should receive his order, would force the Factory, but tho' wee absolutely refused to give our hands for a Vaqueel (as opening a Door for Ruin to y^e Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} Affaires for whoever wrongs the Hono^{ble} Comp^a to prevent his being punished may but pretend a Debt due to him, and promise money to y^e Govern^r as Haggerston have don & soe by degrees eat up y^e Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} Estate, yett they delayed to execute their threatning till they had another pretence which they took from what happened y^e 2nd Ins^t. At midnight there being a Lewd person, one Bushell, Command^r of a Surat Ship, and a Master of a small Ketch Mr. Griffith came in from y^e Coast, who having been att a Punch house and going halfe drunk aboard quarrelled with y^e Govern^{rs} Peons placed upon a watch boat, broke their heads and carried away their Boate with their clothes and Armes which they complained of to y^e Govern^r shewing their wounds, next morning early the Factory was besett with Horse and foot (till which wee had noe notice of the matter, permitting none to goe out or in) nor any provisions to be brought to us, they allsoe sett Peons upon y^e private houses and upon y^e water side to prevent any persons coming ashore or going aboard, or any provisions to be sent them, Thus they continued three days and three nights, wherin wee had no provisions, wood, fire or water permitted to come to us, our Vaqueels, Banyans & Servants restrained from coming to us whereby wee had no means of Address to y^e Gover^r to know what was the matter. The second Evening of our Restraint wee sent over the wall in y^e night one of our servants to carry some Letters to y^e King's Buxee and y^e Jimdar to which wee had answer y^e 4th of our Restraint from y^e Jimdar y^t wee had wounded two men, and two men are missing w^{ch} wee had murth^d, and Reconed up all our faults formerly done, ꝑticularly y^t att Ballasore, notwithstanding which if wee would signe to six Articles (copy of which is herewith sent) they would give us our liberty and att the same time took of the Restraint soe farr as to allowe us provisions (both for y^e Factory & y^e ships) enough every day as would serve the day.

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* Wakáïá-navis, or nigár, corruptly, Wakeh-negar, Wake-nagar. H. A remembrancer, a recorder of events: one officer on the royal establishment under the Moguls, who kept a record of the various orders issued by, and transactions connected with, the sovereign in the revenue department: An officer of this denomination was also attached to the *Nazim* or provincial governor, who reported to the principal remembrancer at the Court the particular revenue transactions of the province; any communicator of official intelligence.—*Wilson's Glossary of Indian Terms.*

Wee have not, nor shall yeild to signing such Articles of Trade here, but have writt to Mr. Pownsett to try what can be done with the Nabob, meantime putting them of here as well as wee can with the Agents illness, that he can't consider of matters of soe great weight &^{ca}.

These six Articles are Haggerston's advices who sits in Councill with them in all matters Relating to the English, and by M^r. Davis, who is extreem busy att this time, the seamen aboard the ships have been influenced to fall upon y^e Govern^{rs} people on y^e water side and they had certainly done it had it not been prevented in the nick of time, there being 20 (the whole number of English aboard the ships) resolved to come ashore which had they done, wee in the Factory must immediately have left the Factory and fought our way to y^e ships to escape with our lives, which would have given them occasion to proclaym open warr and to seize upon all y^e Factories by way of Repriseall, and all the persons had been in their hands, for wee are beyond all doubt y^t noe person can come out of y^e Country without the leave & help of y^e Countrey, where they double y^e number they are.

Apprehending there would some trouble break out we had two or three dayes before this sent George Herron downe to Ballasore to Pilott up y^e

Persia Merchant which they having notice of sent 500 men downe to Tanna to stop her wch wee were not much concerned att knowing they could not gain her nor stop, nor need she make resistance to what shee could meet with, But it soe fell out (which noe man can remember att this time of the yeare) that for tenn dayes togeather, ye wind was att North & N. Et soe yt shee came not up till 14th instant, finding us under restraint, they att Tanna not firing a Gunn, nor shooting an Arrow, only making a great noise, and bid them stop in ye King's name which ye ship took noe notice of but gave them a Huzzah & came on.

The Governr have sent a Mahuzar & Certificate against us to Dacca Chopt with all the Principall Officers & Mogull Merchts of this place, That wee have wounded two Peons & framing a Lye yt two men are missing & yt wee refuse to appoint Sharrah Vaqueel in their Adollat. Wee have allsoe writt to Dacca our Arsduust or Petition of Complaint to ye Nabob & instructions to Mr. Powncett &ca as large as wee could to take up differences there, being of opinion wee had better give money there for our Relief then here, wee are now waiting for an answer, but are not without or feares least ye Nabob should give ear to their complaints against us, he believing whatever Abdulgunny says, and yt he will stick to this desire of theirs looking for great benefitt thereby.

One Sied Amud (a great Mogull and held in great esteem of ye people, and of ye Governrs themselves being of the line of Mahomett and seeming to favour our cause, & allmost ye only person yt can come to ye Governr, he not admitting our Vaqueels nor any of ourselves) whome ye Governr have sent to us with some other Merchants and Officers to know our positive answer, does undertake yt ye Governr would relax ye severity of ye six Articles if wee would comply in declaring a certain person for our Vaqueel in ye Adollat, and in signing a writing, 1st yt wee would punish our seamen for misdemenours, 2d that we would entertain but 5 or 6 Gomastahs, 3d that wee will be answerable for what Damage our ships doe to Country ships att Sea, 4th yt wee will bring up noe more guns (but for ye use of ye ships) then what wee will sell when demanded.

The main of which is, our giving a Bond for not seizing their Ships, but to be lyable to make satisfaction here, by which we apprehend they think that if wee withdraw, wee will make ourselves satisfaction, and that they will therefore never lett us goe without yt point, there being a Report amonge them not only when Agent Hedges was here but since, that 'twas the intention of the English to right themselves for all the wrongs & injuries they have sustained, so that wee are cast upon such a Dilemma yt wee know not what course to take.

For on one side (if wee give them not satisfaction in what they demand there appeares a probabillity of ye suddain ruin of the Honble Compas affaires here, which wee know not how farr may influence their affaires att home):—

1st Wee are assured yt if wee possitively refuse to comply they will strictly confine us to our Factory without affording us any provisions, and wee should not be able to hold out above a fortnight, having noe liberty now to bring in any more then from day to day, yt wee can lay in noe great store & if wee could hold out soe long, there are three Suratt Ships, two other vessells and ye *Persia Merchant* in the Hole who are in ye same case and will be as strictly kept from provisions as wee, and they will break out in violence for supplying themselves with provisions as the men of the Suratt Ships wrote us word they must unless they had speedy Redress, being allsoe incited thereunto by Davis (as before) and dayly provoked by ye affronts offer'd to Englishmen by Peons &ca on purpose as wee apprehend to force some of our men to comitt some act of Hostillity whereby they will gain a great advantage, which if they should doe, (as wee expect they will and wee cannot prevent it) wee shall be sett upon on a sudden and all cutt off, except with the loss of some wee can escape by force with our lives onely to the ships, leaving all ye Honoble Compas Treasure, goods, Books &ca behind us, and if wee doe gett aboard the ships wee shall have noe provisions but what wee fight for, being a small number in comparison with their Forces. And it being a Southerly Moonsoon wee cannot gett away soe yt wee can expect nothing but to perish for want of Relife. There manner being here to drive away all Provisions wth their women & children.

2^{d}. Our thus escaping in a Hostile way cannot be done without fighting & Killing some of y^{e} Countrey people w^{ch} will make an irreparable breach and be proclaimed an open warr, whereupon the Factories aloft will be all seized with y^{e} Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} Servants who are more then wee are here, and there will lye att their mercy in dead & quick stock 20 Lack of Rup^{s} in all places.

3. Wee shall have noe way to send notice of their eruption to Suratt, soe y^{t} within a Month by y^{e} quick carriage of Letters to the King (who is near that place) they will be all surprized there.

On the other side to signe any Conditions of Trade in this place is y^{t} which was never done nor could wee have thought would have been putt upon us, nor have wee any power to doe soe, other then as an honest man to save his life gives his purse to a Robber. And if it be once done 'twill give y^{e} Govern^{r} an advantage for imposing more & more upon us in y^{e} like nature for y^{e} future.

Now the Question before is, whether wee should hazard y^{e} ruin of y^{e} Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} affaires by a positive Refusall to signe any thing or should signe such a writing as before mentioned in hopes of Retriving it by some means hereafter. But there are so many ill consequencies which arise to our thoughts, whether inclining to a Refusall or Complyance y^{t} wee cannot with satisfaction to our own minds come to any determination therin for the present further then to putt off giving a positive answer as long as wee can to gain time, expecting y^{t} upon y^{e} arrivall of y^{e} Nabobs orders wee shall be putt to a necessity either of Refusing or Complying, In y^{e} mean time it is a matter of a most Depressing & Confounding consideration to us y^{t} wee are brought into such a streight y^{t} wee know not what to doe.

Now having Representing our case to you w^{ch} is darke enough, and wee want a great deale of Councill & advice about it and no hopes of Orders or Relife from your Hono^{r}, &^{ca} before the matter will be determined one way or other, wee have only to look up to God in whom wee desire his direction on y^{e} use of all consideration & Indeavours to trust; and desire your Hono^{r} &^{ca} seriously to weigh our case and give such perticular orders to us, or Generall orders under such and such supposition, y^{t} wee may know how to govern ourselves under such extreem exigencys.

If you have a convenient Sloop y^{t} you can spare to bring us advice please to send your Letters by it, y^{e} Rainy season being come in, wee cannot expect an answer in a long time by Patamar, And if you send upon your Sloop provisions it may be of great use (not knowing what our extremities may be) and if wee have noe need 'twill be noe great Loss.

Supposing now the best of our case y^{t} y^{e} Nabob does heare us & setts us free from those demands wee have expressed our feares about, Wee having allready given you a large Acco^{t} in our last what prospect wee had for y^{e} next moonsoon wee have only this to add y^{t} wee cannot yett send any Treasure to the mint where 'twill be a great while aCoining as formerly said, meantime they have no money att Dacca nor Maulda for making an Investment, not soe much as for charges, and if they had it att Cassimbuzar, could not give it out till their troubles were over, nor can we expect any money here from y^{e} mint till August, soe that att best wee are like to doe but little here, Tho' if wee proceed in peace, we shall use our uttmost endeavours to gett in the Remains, and as much goods as wee can possibly, in the meantime wee shall have to doe it in for Loading the *Eagle* and *Persia Merchant*.

Wee have taken this Oppertunity to write to your Hono^{r} &^{ca} fearing least wee should be strictly blocked up again, and having probably but a day or two free for a Peon to pass, wee cannot now write to y^{e} Hono^{ble} Comp^{a}, the Agent being so ill y^{t} he is hardly able to dictate this to your Hono^{r}, Wee humbly intreat that you will please to make up that Defect of ours by sending home coppies of our Letters to your Hono^{r} &^{ca} with the short letter to y^{e} Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} which wee send herewith.

And wee further request y^{t} you will please to write to y^{e} President of Suratt y^{t} noe ships be permitted to come hither from thence or Bombay but what belong wholly to y^{e} Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} Servants, it being of a most pernicious consequence y^t any natives be concerned in Shipping which is Countenanced by, or comes under the name of y^e English, which indeed has been a great occasion of our present troubles.

The Ships y^t your Hono^r &^{ca} send hither to Lye the Monsoon, may meet with great Difficulty in getting Provisions if wee should be brought into that extremity wee fear, it may be therefore necessary for them to come well supplyed for feare of the worst.

Wee are
Hono^{ble} S^r &^{ca}

Your most humble Servants.
JOHN BEARD
FRANCIS ELLIS
SAM^L GRIFFITH
RICH^D TRENCHFEILD
THO. LEY
EDW. OXBOROUGH

P.S. 16th June 1685.

Wee forgott to acquaint your Hono^r &^{ca} y^t when y^e Govern^r sent Sied Amud &^{ca} to us to urge our signing to y^e Articles wee produced y^e Phirmands, Neshawns & Perwannas wee have, and pleaded y^e priveledges granted thereby, telling them it would be an high affront to the Emperour, Princes & Nabobs, should wee renounce y^e favours wee have rec^d from them and take new Articles of our being here from a subordinate Govern^r, but all to noe purpose.

And wee had noe sooner finished this but a Message came to us that unless wee would signe y^e Articles the Govern^r would shut us up close tomorrow, which wee expect, wee sent word to one that wee suppose will acquaint him that wee would give him the King's Duhoy,* upon whose grant wee are here, and if any mischief follow, it must Lye att his Door.

J. B.
F. E.
S. G.
R. T.
T. L.
E. O.

Wee, Muttradas &^{ca} the English Comp^{as} Factors, Inhabitants of Hugly and belonging to y^e English Factory, in Compliance with Meir Syd Amud Duan his perwanna which is arrived in the name of Abdull Gunny Beague muttsuddy, y^t y^e Hugly Merch^{ts} doe bring their goods amongst the Dutch & English goods by which reason the produce of Custome comes much less and so to take care y^t y^e Merchants (by Deceit & Confedaracy may not be able to bring y^r goods with the Dutch & English goods) wee doe agree & consent y^t what goods and things of y^e English Comp^{as} are in our care or comitted to us shall not be disposed of, or sent any where without first acquainting you with & receiving orders, therefore and if att any time it be proved to y^e Contrary against us, wee shall be willing to suffer any Penalty that is inflicted upon us, wherefore have written these few lines as an obligation y^t att any time on occasion it remaineth to be shewed against us.

1st That wee keep all ships below att Sancrail or great Tanna and bring up all goods by boats from thence.

2. To keep a Sherraff Vaqueel to answer all Complaints that shall come against us, & to stand to whatever shall be acted by s^d Vaqueel.

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* Duhoy—Doháì or Duhái, H. Dawáhi, Guz.—A word used as an exclamation in calling out for mercy or redress.—*Wilson's Glossary of Indian Terms.*

3. To employ noe people as Gomastahs but Merch^{ts} who shall bring in all goods & pay y^{e} Custome & y^{e} goods to be Chaupt.

4. If any English Ships doe any damage to any Countrey Ships at Sea that wee shall be answerable for them & give an obligation to that effect.

5. Not to owne any ship to be the Comp^{as} which is not soe, and if any Ship be own'd as the Comp^{as} and be proved not to belong to y^{e} Comp^{a}, said ship shall be forfited to the King.

6. From whatever place wee bring goods from the upper Factorys wee shall bring y^{e} Dustuck of y^{e} Govern^{r} of y^{e} Country for said goods.

Hugly 29th Augst 1685.

To THE HON^{BLE} W^{M} GYFFORD ESQ^{re}

Govern^{r} of Fort S^{t} George & Citty of Madras

President &^{ca} Council for Affaires of y^{e} R^{t} Hono^{ble} English East India Comp^{a}

on the Coast of Cormandell Bay of Bengall &

HON^{BLE} S^{r} &^{CA}—

The sad occasion of these is to acquaint Your Hono^{r} &^{ca} y^{t} it hath pleased Allmighty God to take from us Agent Beard, who having layd sick of the bloody Floox near two months and soe ill the greatest part of the time y^{t} he could attend noe business, Dyed yesterday att noon and was interred this Day. God prepare us all for Death.

Wee sent notice of Agent Beard's death the same day to Mr. Job Charnock, Chief of Cassimbuzar, desiring him to repair hither as the person appointed to succeed in this Agency by y^{e} R^{t} Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} Gene^{ll} to the Bay Dated y^{e} 21 Decemb^{r} 1683, and their Commission to yo^{r} Hono^{r} dated 29th ditto.

Our last your Hono^{r} &^{ca} was of 15 June last by Patamer which was in answer to yours of 20th & 28th Aprill (by Mr. Littleton) and gave a particular Acco^{t} of y^{e} troubles y^{e} present Govern^{r} of Hugly had then given us by Beseeging our Factory and putting a Gen^{ll} stop upon all the R^{t} Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} Business here, Coppy whereof comes herewith, since w^{ch} none from your Hono^{r} &^{c}.

This comes by y^{e} *Borneo Merchant* Mr. Bowrye Master, a private ship bound for yo^{r} parts w^{ch} now lyes att Ballasore ready to sayle, the owner whereof being here is just sending downe orders for her immediate dispatch, and haveing had no notice of the oppertunity before hand wee have noe time to give your Hono^{r} &^{ca} a particular narrative of what hath happened since our last, For y^{e} present please to accept the following Gen^{ll} Account.

Our Factory has been beseeged with Souldiers & Peons to this day, tho' of late they have not used us soe hard as formerly, all trade & business continues stoped soe as that for more then 3 months past wee have not had liberty to buy or sell, to land or ship of any thing, the Govenour peremptorily insisting upon our signing some of these Articles mentioned in our last, and is Resolved in his proceedings, y^{t} tho' on y^{e} 24th instant wee Rec^{d} a Perwanna from the Nabob for clearing our business and on 19th one from y^{e} King's Duan to second the Nabobs, yett the Govern^{r} upon the tender thereof to him declared he would neither see nor obey them unless wee would sign his Articles, nor would he ever admitt either one of ourselves be our Vaqueel to discourse with him. On the 18th Inst. wee sent an Acco^{tt} hereof to Mr. Pownsett &^{ca} att Dacca, and an Arsdust to the Nabob complaining of the Govern^{rs} Refusall to obey his Perwanna, and ordered them to procure a Jessoal or Messenger from the Nabob to inforce the Govern^{r} into obedience, But not expecting wee could have any further answer from thence in less then 3 weekes time and being sensible of how great importance for this year's Investment, 'twas to save so much time & to procure the Govern^{rs} Friendship for the future, we willing hearkened to a proposall y^{t} was made by some y^{t} pretended to mediate & offered Abdul Gunny money to the vallue of 3000 Rups. but y^{e} Result of it was, y^{t} he the sayd if wee would give him a Lack of Rups. he would not be friends unless wee would signe his Articles, tho' the pretended mediators tell us 'tis only a greater summe y^{t} is expected and y^{t} 8000 Rs. will doe: Concerning which wee cannot undertake to Determine till y^{e} Agent's arrivall. Theywould still leade us on with dayly hopes of a speedy accomodation, but wee see little Reason to expeet it, and indeed (it having been publickly declared in the Durbar y^{t} y^{e} money expected of us is intended for the Nabob) wee feare least the Nabob (whatever the Perwanna he sent us may say) may give the Govern^{r} private encouragement and orders for these his proceedings, otherwise wee cannot think he would dare to persist in his disobedience to the Nabob's & Duan's Perwannas, nor can wee give any Judgement of what the issue may be till we Receive Answer from Dacca.

Supposing y^{e} best, wee must be forced to buy all y^{e} goods wee provide this yeare with ready money having yett sent up noe Treasure to the Mint, and y^{e} coining of y^{t} will take up soe much time that there will not be enough left for giving out money in any Factory, nor are there any goods provided in any of the Factories (besides y^{e} last yeare's Remains) nor money nor orders for buying sent to any of them except Ballasore (that being somew^{t} a distinct Governmen^{t} and lying more conveniently for shipping off goods in case any new troubles should arrise att y^{e} time for Laden), which wee have furnished with twelve chests of Dollers (besides goods to a considerable vallue), and ordered them to receive five more out of y^{e} next ship, and to goe about buying up goods as fast as they can.

The Countrey wee are informed is full of goods, and hope if y^{e} stopp upon our business do's not continue to long and there come no Interlopers wee shall be able to procure as much as wee shall have money to invest, our great Difficulty will be to gett Sugars enough for Persia, y^{t} Commodity being much ingrossed as wee are informed in the hands of such Merchants as knowing the R^{t} Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} has occasion for Sugar, and y^{t} there are allsoe 4 or five Suratt Shipps to Lade with the same, will sell to them y^{t} bid most and will know how to make their marketts of us both.

This Day we Rec^{d} a Generall from Suratt Dated 26thth June last *via* Pattna advising the arrivall of His Maj^{ties} Frigott the *Phœnix* and the *Prudent Mary* att Bombay The former having taken two Interlopers in the way one of w^{ch} (the *Bristoll*) foundered in the Sea, the men saved.

The *Shrewsbury* Cap^{t} W^{m} Talbott Command^{r} arrived in Ballasore Road the 9th past & att Hugly the 22^{d} ditto who brought a short Gen^{ll} from y^{e} R^{t} Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} Dated 26th Novemb^{r} 1684 (only giving Acco^{tt} of severall persons sent in their service by y^{e} *Chandois*), but noe Treasure nor goods. Cap^{t} Talbott Dyed here y^{e} 5th Inst.

To our great trouble wee heare nothing of the *Chandois* but are in Dayly expectation of her arrivall and hope y^{n} to receive such orders from your Hono^{r} &^{ca} as are necessary for our direction in y^{e} R^{t} Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} business, after w^{ch} yo^{r} Hono^{r} &$^{c}_{a}$ may expect a more particular Acc^{tt} of their affaires here.

Hono^{ble} S^{r} &^{ca}

Your most humble Serv^{ts}

FRANCIS ELLIS

THO. LEY SAM^{L} GRIFFITH

EDW. OXBOROUGH RIC. TRENCHFEILD

Ballasore, 7th Sept^{r} 1685.

To the R^{T} HONO^{BLE} W^{M} GYFFORD Esq^{re}
Presid^{t} &^{ca} Council att Fort S^{t} George for the Affaires
of the R^{t} Hono^{ble} English East India Comp^{a}.

GENTLEMEN SALUT.

After perusall of your letters wee find to owe answer to yours of the 5th March 168$\frac{4}{5}$, and meeting with this oppertunity of Cap^{t} Bowrey for the Coast, it is thought needfull to answer it, wee send likewise by this conveyance a Pacquett with letters from Hugly of the Council there, y^{e} Agent being dead, pray God prepare us all for our change, it is a sickly time att present here, there dyed out our Factory here last Month, vizt: 8th Leonard Bray, on 9th Benjan Planner, on 12th Mrs : Rebecka Oughton.

Wee are glad to heare you found goods to compleat ye Lading of ye Shipps *Rochester & Beaufort* from the Coast, wee perceive the scrupel Capt Nicolson made in signing two bills of Laden without his exceptions underneath them, as to Ballasore goods it is in a manner not well possible when goods are ship'd of from hence in such a hurry as them were to prevent mistakes by reason the Purgos men must take any Receipts then from aboard the Ships give them all the imaginable care shall be taken for the future in shipping of goods to prevent mistakes in any such nature, either by the Purgoes people or our Sloop people, and likewise it shall be observed after Moonsoons are over to be shipping of aboard ye Europe Ships such Bailes as we have ready as will make up a Loaden for such vessells or sloops as wee shall have ready with our Investmt from hence. This year, our endeavours shall not be wanting to forward our marchants as much as lay in us. On 30th Augst arrived in this Road ye *Chandois* and on 5th Inst. the *George* Capt Earning, soe concluding for the present, wth all submission subscribing ourselves to be and soe desiring to Remain.

Your friends and Servants

Wm FITTZHUGH

Wm PRICKMAN

HENRY STANLEY

HUGLY 20th Novembr 1685.

To THE HONOBLE Wm GYFFORD Esq.,
President & Governour of Fort St George & Citty of Madrass &cA Council
for Affairs of the Rt Honoble Compa of Merchants of London
trading to the East Indies on ye Coast of Cormandell, Bay Bengall &ca.

HONOBLES Sr &cA

Our last to Yor Honor &ca was ye 29th August ꝑ the *Burnee Merchant* Mr. Bowry Master, Coppy whereof we now send you, since wch have had ye Honor to Receive yours of ye 23d: 30th July 3d: 24th August and 3d Septembr with all ye papers according to lists, ye 7th & 14th Septr ꝑ *Chandois, Concord* and *George* two duplicates ye 10th Octobr ꝑ *Prospect* and ꝑ mo Currt by Patamar to all which shall give ye needfull Reply with due submission.

The Assistance you were pleased to send us came very seasonably all but Mr. Cudworth who stay'd below att Ballasore in expectation of ye *Josiah's* arrivall, ye Bay is exceedingly streightned for want of writers, no more coming this year then two, and they taken ashoar att Ballasore to supply ye Rooms of two lately deceased, hitherto wee have noe newes of ye *Josiah's* arrivall wch greatly troubles us, in regard wee think the want of her stock shall hardly be able to pay for what goods already contracted for, besides some sorts to be bought for ready money, wch wee may probably meet with at Reasonable Rates, with ye consideration of what wee have distributed to ye subordinate Factorys, all which will more plainly appear by our Consultations in Months Septembr and Octobr.

Wee are glad ye *John & Mary* is arriv'd in safty, yt ye *Amoy Merchant* was soe near her departure for England ye 23d July and gon ye 30th, and yt you have procured a Freight to Acheen for ye *Kempthorne**, may they all prosper, and yt yor Honor &ca may have a good Acct from Priaman. The *Chandois* arrived in Ballasore road ye 30th August and *George* ye 5th Septembr for whose Corgoes shall give Accot London Creddit according to yor Invoices, ye former wee have design'd for ye Coast wth such things as yor Honor &ca direct if procurable by ye latter end of Decembr, if possible to be done soe soon, and for ye latter wee have taken care for a Lading of Sugar and hope to dispatch her for Persia in Janry. Capt James Bonnell dyed in Ballasore ye 3rd of Octobr of a feavour, God prepare us all.

Wee shall be glad to understand from you ye Honoble Constant Faulcon may be att last convin'ct of his errour, and yt he will be a steadfast friend to ye Rt

* Hempthorn.

Hono^{ble} Comp$^{s}_{a}$ Intrest, tho' wee may Reasonably surmise he will first take care to provide for y^{e} shipp *Barkalong* one waye or other if he be concern'd therein, it has been thought by some persons here y^{t} shee would come to Bengall in y^{e} King of Syam's name consigned to Cap^{t} Tyler his Agent here, but seeing she is not yett come wee have the more Reason to hope shee will never trouble us. Considering w^{t} yo^{r} Hono^{r} &^{ca} writs in that ꝑticular touching y^{e} settlements in Syam, China, what is or may be in y^{e} South Sea, wee heartily wish may prosper under your prudent management according to y^{e} R^{t} Hono^{ble} Compa$^{s}_{a}$ expectations seeing they have thought it convenient to make y^{m} subordinate to your Presidency.

The Reason why our vaqueel stay'd soe long wee have allready given, wee have heard twice from him since his departure, his last advices came from Agra y^{e} beginning of August, whence he designed in few days towards y^{e} Mogulls Court, where wee wish him good success. He shall be supplyed with money from Pattana for his occasions untill wee receive orders from yo^{r} Hono^{r} &^{ca} therin, as you order us by yo^{rs} of y^{e} 24th August, wherin you are pleased to advise of a Vaqueel sent from Suratt by order of our R^{t} Hono^{ble} Masters, may our Vaqueel, hence and y^{t} from Suratt agree least they should overthrow y^{t} mighty concerne.

The Cotton yarn musters wee Rec^{d} by Mr. Griffith, alsoe y^{e} other, but more y^{n} ninetyseaven bales remaining in y^{e} house of last yeares wee cannot procure, cotton being soe excessive dear, besides wee can never gett thread to come near those musters.

Such sort of men for Pilotts you are pleased to mention wee want and shall make much of when they come, in y^{e} mean time must acquaint yo^{r} Hono^{r} &^{ca}, y^{t} Mr. Sherman is lately dead, Hussy has been very Refractory in our troubles and is now at Ballasore, wee are informed very great with y^{e} Interlopers, wee believe shall be forc'd to send him up to yo^{r} Hono^{r} &^{ca} to prevent further mischiefs he is likely to bring upon us.

Haggerston wee hope have att last overcome, 'tis certain he's miserable poor and as much despised now by y^{e} Govern^{r} as before esteemed. If he should have y^{e} impudence to make a second appearance att Dacca wee have made provision there to Rceive him after another manner y^{n} att first, by sending up to Mr. Pounsett &^{ca} y^{e} Mahazers y^{t} came lately from Surratt which wee doe not question, but will put a full stopp to his career there.

The *Loyall Eagle* wee hope to dispatch away by the latter end of Decemb^{r} and y^{e} *Persia Merchant* in January if soe bee y^{e} Agent & Cassimbuzar goods to long stay above, and fresh troubles here w^{ch} may arise doth not obstruct.

Concerning a double stock wee shall with submission to yo^{r} Hono^{r} &$^{c}_{a}$ forbear to write home till wee stand upon better termes y^{n} now wee doe with y^{e} Governm^{t}.

The 25000 Manelia Dollers over & above w^{t} ordered us by y^{e} *Kempthorn* and *Chandois* wee have Rec^{d} with y^{e} Rest, and in Complyance wth yo^{r} Hono^{r} &^{ca} orders wee now send you by y^{e} *Shrewsbury* y^{e} whole chest of gold y^{t} came on y^{e} *Loyall Eagle* (having Rec^{d} none by y^{e} *Persia Merch^{t}*) amounting to £13693 : 6^{s} : 9^{d} sterling, and tho' wee shall find y^{e} want of it specially att this time because of o^{r} disappointment by y^{e} *Josiah*, yett y^{e} service wee hope it may doe o^{r} R^{t} Hono^{ble} Masters by yo^{r} management will be some compensation for w^{t} wee are short here.

When Mr. Braddyll was here with y^{e} late Agent this summer he undertook to him for Sucaes 214 for 240 Suca weight in Ryalls all charges borne, if wee sell we cannot gett above 209 the 240 Suca weight, soe y^{t} if his books when they come shall make it good, it may be the best service to keep y^{e} Mint going, wherefore wee have forborne to sell all y^{e} Treasure here, neither indeed have wee any Rich trusty persons to whom we can sell y^{e} Silver of an Investment, for y^{e} Merchants here depends alltogeather on the money wee bring in, which wee have had a seveer experience this season by being compell'd to part with 35 chests of Dollers to beginn our Investment, there being noe money to be had att Interest nor indeed but little in y^{e} Countrey till wee diliver'd out ours, as you will find by our Consultations in Sept^{br} &^{ca}.

Yo^{r} Hono^{r} &^{ca} having occasion for Mr. John Gyfford belonging to y^{e} *Persia Merchant*, wee have according to your orders given Cap^{t} Bowers a discharge to his satisfaction for him, he takes his passage towards you in ye *Shrewsbury* as shee is ye first shipp.

In ours of ye 12th May wee acquainted yor Honor &ca yt ye Gold wanting should be brought to Accot Londons Creditt, but Mr. Robt Hedges being ye person answerable shall charge his Accot with it accordingly.

The *Josiah* not coming according to expectation wee shall have but little remains except Lead, wch must of necessity lye here till ye next year (if wee cannot dispose of it in ye mean time) for want of conveyance convenient in wch ꝑticular our endeavours shall not be wanting. The Rt Honoble Compas Letter of ye 2d Aprill wee have and shall take care to send it to all subordinate Factorys to be published as designed, hoping it will meet with it's desir'd effects, wee doe not Remember yt any unmaried man have of late yeares Recd their Dyet money, nor shall in ye future as yor Honor &ca are pleased to order, All ye Dustore as of late has been Practis'd shall assuredly be brought to ye Rt Honoble Compas Accot allowing therefrom our necessary, servants wages as accustomary, Mr. Cudworth wee find much more inclin'd to returne to ye Fort then to remain in Bengall a subordinate Councellor, as he writes us, he has liberty from yor Honor &ca but wee finde nothing thereof in any of yor Letters.

For our noncomplyance in sending you 500 Tonns of sugars this year wee hope you'l excuse and look upon it an impossibility, soe many Rubbs has layn in our way, first our troubles, 2d the 4 Surat shipps who bought most of theirs while wee were confin'd, and 3d ye *George's* Cargoe wch did not only cost us dear but wee mett with great difficulty in its procuration, butter & oyl wee have sent you by ye *Shrewsbury* wch was put on board here & hope they will arrive with you in ye like good condition, Rice, Paddy, Packing stuff and wheat with 400 Piggs of Lead wee have alsoe sent you by ye same ship, but for long pepper here is none procurable att this time tho' wee hope to send you some with other things by ye *Chandois* & Timbers from Ballasore.

As touching a Joint stock here there was noe talking of it with our Merchants this year, considering ye little time wee had left & ye aboundance of business to goe through were forc'd to make our terms with ym ye best wee could. Dacca & Maulda goods wee have & shall send downe to ye *Loyall Eagle* about 200 parcells of last yeares; & expect more this for ye *Persia Mercht* tho' not much by reason of ye very short time they have had to provide.

What souldiers wee have left alive with those att Cassimbuzar wee presume will be sent you after ye Agent's arrivall wth us except 6 or 8 to tend his person as yor Honor Desire.

Seeing yor Honor &ca depends wholly upon our dispatching directly hence ye *Loyall Eagle & Persia Merchant* we question not but to effect it as before inserted, & as to any of ye rest 'tis impossible to be done tho' our hearts are good and minds willing towards it. Wee are doubtfull whether wee shall be able to send away the *Chandois* time enough to touch att ye northern Factorys for want of shipping to carry down our goods, if not wt wee have over the other two ships Laden shall send you upon her directly to ye Fort, this wee hint to yor Honor &ca yt care may be taken to gett ye goods from ye norward by some other convenient conveyance Rather yn to depend on her.

Mr. Higginson wee can very ill spare he being one of ye most fittest men in India for ye office he was in (and indeed any thing else), he has discharged his place with faithfullness & with all diligence in a curious method as yor Honor &ca will see by his workes, wee cannot say enough in his praise but seeing it is your order, and his desire, Bengall not agreeing with his constitution, he takes his Passage towards you on ye *Shrewsbury*; wee have promis'd him to signifie all his care & pains to or Rt Honoble Masters, and hope they will take into consideration and give him encouragemt according to his deserts for wt he has done here.

His Majties Privy seal we have given Mr. Littleton notice of, who have promised to goe home on one of ye Honoble Compas Shipps if they depart in season, wee have great reason to suspect he has a fellow feeling with ye Interlopers of whom wee shall speak more too in an after clause. In ye mean time there will be noe need of sending ye seal to Suratt wee having lately Recd a Coppy of it from thence attested with an Accot they had served it on Bourcher.

Notwithstanding yo^{r} Hono^{r} &^{ca} had countermanded y^{t} order by y^{e} *Chandois* for taking in provisions at Vizagapatam shee brought us a large supply from thence amounting to Rs. 753 : 30, w^{t} is remaining aboard wee have ordered to be disposed of att y^{e} best Rates they can att Ballasore, as wee shall doe here, wth y^{t} w^{ch} y^{e} *Prospect* brought, wee having (thank y^{e} fates) noe occasion for it, great mortalities happened amongst y^{e} Hoggs, sheep, Turkeys & Henns, allsoe y^{e} Rice w^{ch} our friends sent us from Vizagapatam proves very musty & worth little, all this considered it will occasion great loss.

Wee are glad y^{e} *Bengall Merch*^{t} arrived with you in good time and hope you dispatcht her away soon after, tho' y^{rs} of y^{e} 3^{d} Sept^{br} mentions nothing concerning her yett we may conclude shee's gon & carry'd our advices with her, for y^{e} forwarding which and our former, both to y^{e} R^{t} Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} and Suratt, wee give yo^{r} Hono^{r} &^{ca} our hearty thanks, y^{e} Gen^{ll} from Persia & our Acco^{t} Curr^{t} wee recived but of noe use to us by reason we had before cleared it by Acco^{t} London.

As yo^{r} Hono^{r} &$^{c}_{a}$ rec^{d} y^{e} two Embassidors splendidly wee hope it may produce good effect in obliging y^{e} King of Persia alsoe y^{e} King of Syam who wee wish may make better paym^{t} of yo^{r} bills of Exchange then his people at Ballasore has done, in a Debt due to y^{e} same stock depending some years.

Wee neither allow nor know y^{t} any of y^{e} R^{t} Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} Servants Receiv's Piscashes or other rewards from any y^{e} black merchants, y^{e} Dustore wee have before advised is brought to y^{e} R^{t} Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} Acco^{t}, wee shall send to y^{e} Factorys hereabouts as you Direct.

Wee shall send home this year by y^{e} last ship (God willing) Coppy of our Cash books to y^{t} time & coppies of our Gen^{ll} Books to y^{e} last of Aprill whether Ballanc'd or not, and y^{t} wee can gett noe further att y^{e} time, wee hope it shall be sufficient to Remember yo^{r} Hono^{r} &^{ca} w^{t} a condition wee have been in all this summer by y^{e} terrours & hardships of y^{e} Governm^{t}, y^{e} late Agents sickness for divers months, & ever since his death y^{e} stress of Gen^{ll} business has lain upon y^{e} second, and soe has unavoided taken him off from attending on his Perticular Duty in y^{e} Office.

Yo^{r} Hono^{r} &^{ca} in P. S. y^{e} 24th August gives us Acco^{t} y^{t} you have not Invoyc't but taken a Rec^{t} for 57 Tonns Lead, w^{ch} being as you mention to be continued on board wee intermeddle not in it further y^{n} w^{t} you are pleased to inform us therein.

Agent Charnock having advised us as to y^{e} affair of Cassimbuzar he has given yo^{r} Hono^{r} &^{ca} an Acco^{t} in a Gen^{ll}. w^{ch} comes herewith to which pleas'd to be Referred; and the rather because it has been committed to the ꝑticular management for severall months past though y^{e} Diarys, Consultations, and Generalls of this place, frequently relates much about that transaction to y^{s} time.

Wee carefully observe what is mentioned by Yo^{r} Hono^{r} &^{ca} as to yo^{r} disposition of y^{e} shipping; as to what concerns ourselves for dispatch of y^{e} same we have herin allready advised to all save y^{e} *Josiah*, upon whose arrivall wee shall further inform you, and acquaint ourselves therin according to y^{e} best of our Power, wee never yett had a ship y^{t} made a voyage to China soe y^{t} wee doe not know how to goe about to invest goods propp^{r}. for y^{t} place, wee have advised & particularly with Mr. Griffith, who knows of noe goods y^{t} is propper save Lead & cloth, and further wee can't informe ourselves.

Yo^{r} Hono^{r} &^{ca} having been pleased to admitt the excuses of Mr. Loe and Mr. Dubois to stay at y^{e} Fort (as you are pleased to advise) soe y^{t} wee are not to expect them, but it is some disappointment while wee want more hands in y^{e} Bay as wee doe; John Hoskins shall be sent you, but wee keep him to execute y^{m} warrants you sent us if occasion shall offer.

The 2^{d} Octob^{r} came newes from Ballasore (to our great trouble) of y^{e} *Andeluzear's* arrivall the 24th Septemb^{r} to w^{ch} wee promised to speak more Largely to in a former paragraph; but having given a full acco^{t} thereof to y^{e} R^{t} Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} in o^{r} gen^{ll} with other Letters relating theretoo & our Diarys; to all w^{ch} without enlarging farther wee humble Reffer. *Catchpools* is not yet arrived nor wee belive will this yeare, y^{e} Interlopers themselves given out at Ballasore (as wee heare) y^{t} he was gott as far as y^{e} downs and there stop'd by o^{r} R^{t} Hono^{ble} Masters. Wee were alsoe advised from Ballasore y^{t} Tho. Heath alias Harris, came out in y^{r} ship and stayes att y^{e} Coast to provide goods where wee hope yo^{r} Hono^{r} &^{ca} have mett with him before now.

King James y^{e} Second wee proclaimed here y^{e} 13th Sept^{r} with all y^{e} solemnity this place and time would ꝑmitt.

Wee are sorry to understand there is such a scarcity of Rice & Paddy with you and likely to be more by y^{e} dryness of weather, in regard wee have not been able to procure more y^{n} 50 Mds. old Rice (this yeare's not being yett come in) all over y^{e} town that is worth sending by this ship. Wee hope to supply you largely by y^{e} *Chandois* of a better sort and new.

Wee most humbly thank Yo^{r} Hono^{r} &^{ca} for yo^{r} sympathy in our troubles and yo^{r} prudent advice and care therin (tho' y^{e} condition of y^{e} Bay is indeed such y^{t} it requires y^{e} greatest & strictest considerations imaginable), wee doe concurr with you in all yo^{r} advices as most judicious; but there appeares soe many Difficultys, even contradictory in every thing wee propose to ourselves, y^{t} wee runn our judgm^{t} into a Laberint, Wee cannot goe, neither can wee stay (to our R^{t} Hon^{ble} Masters Interest), wee cannot dispatch y^{e} Tonnage wee stand charged with, neither retain those shipps here without great dammage to their owners, but most certain it is these extreems cannot last long to y^{e} Comp^{as} advantage or interest tho' wee can see no end of them, notwithstanding this patch^{t} up peace with Abdulgunny &^{ca}, yet theres the Difference with y^{e} picars is still depending, w^{ch} Actions being now allowed of will soon become practicable hereafter when y^{e} least urgent calls for want of money presses y^{m}. It is high time for us to be gon' when money, gifts & bribe will not buy Justice, and y^{e} smallest hopes of y^{t} from them soon procureth us Injustice. Wee humbly agree with yo^{r} Hono^{r} &^{ca} y^{t} y^{e} calling downe the subordinate Factorys (especially Pattana & Dacca) and y^{e} charging y^{e} Countrey with their Remains in writing upon y^{e} gates, would be highly necessary for y^{e} Reducing of this Governm^{t} into better termes, if it can be by noe means effected otherwise by our Vacqueels at Court; but to put that into practice would require a present stopp to all trade w^{ch} wee can have noe thoughts to doe without a positive order from y^{e} R^{t} Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} or yo^{r} Hono^{r} &$^{c}_{a}$ to w^{ch} wee humbly submitt ourselves. And in y^{e} meantime shall proceed in y^{e} course wee are in for this yeares Investm^{t} for y^{e} dispatch of y^{e} ships, and its possible time may produce other considerations, more advantageous to our Hono^{ble} Masters before next year for w^{ch} wee heartily wish & pray.

Wee humbly thought it necessary to acquaint yo^{r} Hono^{r} &$^{c}_{a}$ how y^{t} Cap^{t} Earning after his arrivall refused to deliver his treasure upon our order to him, for y^{e} same alleadging y^{t} he was consigned to Agent and Council Jointly, and to deliver it upon no other order, of which being advis'd from Ballasore wee imediately dispatch'd blank orders to Cassimbuzar for his worship to signe &, upon y^{e} Return thereof sent them down again, upon w^{ch} he complyed wth by same, and accordingly y^{e} s^{d} treasure arriv'd last night, the consideration of w^{ch} wee humbly Referr to yo^{r} Hono^{r} &^{ca} desiring of yo^{r} Hono^{r} &^{ca} Directions how to proceed in such cases hereafter.

Wee send you an Attestation lately received from Rajamall for y^{e} want of 6 pound 3 oz. of silver in one Ingott No. 223 in Chest No. 150 and desire yo^{r} Hono^{r} &^{ca} to creditt Acco^{t} London for y^{e} same if y^{e} errour be comitted in yo^{r} Hono^{r} &^{ca} Invoyce hither, otherwise to advise our R^{t} Hono^{ble} Masters of the same.

Inclosed comes y^{e} *Shrewsbury* bill of Lading & Invoice amounting to Rs. 1,35,156:13:3 for w^{ch} please to creditt Acco^{t} London, our Diarys & Consultations wee have committed to y^{e} care & charge of Mr. Higginson who will deliver them to Yo^{r} Hono^{r} &^{ca} upon his arrivall at the Fort.

Wee humbly begg yo^{r} Hono^{r} &^{ca} pardon in y^{t} wee have not given yo^{r} Hono^{r} &^{ca} a ꝑticular Acco^{t} of all y^{e} transactions of Affaires during y^{e} time of our troubles here seeing by y^{e} same occasion wee have sent our Gen^{ll} to y^{e} R^{t} Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} open to Yo^{r} Hono^{r} &^{ca} wherin wee have commented largely in each ꝑticular to w^{ch} wee humbly Referr (desiring you to forward y^{e} same as ꝑlist by y^{e} first ship) as allsoe our Diary and Consultations for y^{e} Fort sent by M^{r} Higginson to y^{e} last of Octob^{r}, if in this there appear any thing amiss or in y^{e} least wee seem to be found short of our Duty to yo^{r} Hono^{r} &^{ca} wee begg a favourable construction on the same, the strictness of time having now hurryed us on to ye sorting our Investment wch requireth all hands to attend to the end wee may ⅌form in some measure wt wee promise to our Rt Honble Masters in ye same;

Wee are
HonoBLE SRS &CA
Your very humble Servants

THOMAS LEY FRANCIS ELLIS
EDW. OXBOROUGH SAML GRIFFITH
RICH: TRENCHFEILD

Wee whose names are hereunto subscribed doe attest that wee was present att ye opening of a chest of treasure No 150 Invoiced from Hugly 29th Septembr 1685 wherin was conteyned five Ingotts one whereoff vizt: No 223 Invoiced for pounds Troy twentynine conteyned but pounds twentytwo and three ounces Procamlb 27th October 1685.

ROG: BRADDYLL
WILLM HEDGES

To the HONOBLE WM GYFFORD Esqre President & Governr &ca Council.

Cassimbasar 31st Octobr '85.

Ever since yor Honoble President his Departure hence wee have been in continuail troubles wth ye Governmt here about ye Picars Differencys, the Factory having been besett about by horse & foot divers times, and believe wee should never have been able to have kept ourselves from their violence wthout ye assistance of ye souldiers his honor was pleased to leave here. Nothing would sattisfie ye Nabob who espouses ye Picars quarrell but ye payment of ye Sume the Cozee awarded soe unjustly formerly, vizt. to quitt ye Rups. 25000 owing by them of March bund & to pay down in ready money ye sume of Rups. 45000 in all Rups. 70000. He gave private orders in X'ber last to ye Governr to gett the Chief into his hands and send him for Dacca, but finding it could not be effected according to his desire sent a Jassooll wch arrived here from Dacca ye 13th Xber to warn his appearance att his court otherwise to pay ye abovesaid Rups. 45000 who gave us noe small trouble, but having mollified him by a bribe of about Rs. 400 in the time of his stay here he departed the 15th Janry for Dacca where he did not fail to excuse his coming. Afterwards Mr. Pownsett &ca Council with much Difficulty upon a request procured ye Nabob ⅌wanna wch came hither ye 21st May ordering ye Congo to arbitrate the business betwixt us & ye Picars, who was our friend and would have doubtless have accomodated it to our contents, but before ye arrivall of said ⅌wanna he was gon out of town 50 Clour distance from hence about important business and returned not til ye latter of June, soon after tho being much indisposed he proceeded to Arbitration but ere he could effect any thing therin his sickness dayly encreasing he departed this life the 20 July. Whereupon ye Governr gave us great hopes to bring it to a conclusion. Mr. Davenant attending att Muxodavad allmost 5 months in order thereunto, att last after much trouble & time a firm contract was made by ye Governr with Mr. Davenant vizt. yt would content them for 4m ⅌ sere more then wee had priced their silks att formerly which amot to about Rups. 16000 and he was to have of us when the business was ended a bribe of Rups. 5000, wch was deposited in a merchant's hands, but the next day Mr. Davenant came to him, he fell from his word and demanded wt the Cozee had awarded pretending wt he had done the day before was unadvisedly, and soe suffers the Picarrs to make another journey to Dacca to complain of us to the Nabob where they renewed their demands of having us allow ye sūme the Cozee had awarded them having promised the Nabob, as Mr. Pownsett &ca write us, one halfe of the Rups. 45000 to gett the sūme of us.

Finding how ill we were like to speed at Dacca wee desisted not endeavouring to have the business ended here & ye Governr had made us another promse vizt. if wee would quitt the sūme of Rups. 25000 the Picars owe us in this manner vizt. 16000 to them & a 9000 to pay down ready money as a bribe into him, he to give us a note to receive a 9000 of ym, he would conculde. It was wee consented too. But he failed us in his ℘formance as afore, soe yt wee were forced (since no hopes of having anything brought to an issue here) to send Mr. Hayns with the silk muster broaker an Accot to Dacca according to ye Governrs desires to endeavour a speedy conclusion there. Wee wrot Mr. Pownsett &ca Councill to gett the Nabob to have it brought to a fair Arbitration of Merchants but by all the advises yt wee receive from thence wee find the Nabob denies to have it arbitrated but continues his demands of Rups. 45000, Mr. Pownsett &ca proffered a bribe of Rs. 20000 to him to desire the Picars might give the other Rs. 5000 but he would not consent, replying wee must pay Rups. 45000 to ye Picars otherwise noe business in the Bay shall be ℘mitted to goe forward.

On ye 1st Septembr came advices from Hugly of ye death of Agent Beard from the Council of the Bay, wherin they desired Mr. Charnock to come down with all speed to take ye charge upon him wch vacancy fell to him according to ye Rt Honoble Compas orders. He made himselfe ready thereon to depart for Hugly, but was stop't by order from ye Governr by a Party of Horse & foot wch immediately sett watches all along ye River to prevent his going, who ordered hee should not stirr till ye business was ended or yt Mr. Hayns was departed for Dacca; when he was gon wee desired his License according to his promise but he fell off and said ye Agent might be suffer'd to goe when Mr. Hayns was arrived at Bairgotche a place distant 12 or 14 Coos from hence. After he had been gon from thence wee made a suit again to him for the Agent's going, but he replyed he should not goe till he heard of Mr. Hayns had been before the Navob, & thus have this ℘fideous man from time to time delayed us by breaking all ye promises he ever made us, wee have often desired Mr. Pownsett &ca to procure the Navob's ℘wanna for ye Agent his departure to Hugly with a quantity of silk & Taffitys to the amot of nigh 2½ Lack Rupees wch have layn here this 10 months, but they advise us ye Navob will not give any till we pay Rups. 45000 wch will end the Picars' Difference. Ye 29th currt wee Recd a Genll from Dacca yt ye Navob's Diccan Cassidas had ordered a ℘wanna on the Governr of this place to take of us Rs.45000 ere ye Agent stirrd out of the Factory wch ℘wanna was sent us by him yesterday wth a *horrmeece* who demanded yt wee must send ye sd sume to him at *Muxodacca*? if not to send it to Dacca, if not then to send him an answer yt he may forward it to the Navob to know his further orders, wee wrot him in answer yt our business as he well knew was never yett arbitrated till when wee could never consent to pay any thing by Reason the Picars are indebted to us, but if ye Nabob will please to lett it fairly be brought to arbitration of Merchts wee should willingly submit to their determination, wee cannot tell wt this Governr intends to doe, wee belive he will not seize on the money forcibly since it will seem to be a plain Robbery, wee are endeavouring or uttmost to gett ye goods down and licence for ye Agent's departure wch is so absolute necessary in this juncture by reason of all wch troubles wee have not been able to recover any of or Remains in the Picars & weavers possession.

The price allowed ye Picars for the Silk was excessive dear and ℘sue more then it was really worth, it being soe exceeding bad and contrary to or muster of wch silk ye Rt Honoble Compa have much complain'd by their Lrs this Shipping.

The Governr his Detaining ye Agent here is the most unreasonable Act yt can be, and soe accounted by all the natives, since Mr Háins was sent to Dacca and Mr Davenant impower'd here to end the Differences, but it is credibly reported by divers Merchts in this place yt Muttredass his accomplices have by assistance of his son Betuldas given the Governr here a bribe to the amot of Rps.5 or 6000 for their perticular interest to detain him from going down, which wee have good reason to belive considering all circumstances, and there having been the Authour of all the mischifes.

The books of Acco^{ts} of 168 $\frac{3}{4}$ are completed by Mr. Harding to o^{r} great sattisfaction the ballance of w^{ch} is sent to Hugly wth an Acco^{t} of this Factory's stock & Hugly Acco^{t} Curr^{t}, those of 84 and 85 are allmost finished and shall send both yeares Acco^{ts} home by this shipping timely, wee have been disappointed of assistance, having none y^{t} is able to coppie them out fairly, nor to coppie the other bookes as are requisite to be sent home. Neither the Warehouse and Diary and charges Gen^{ll} will be ready to goe in time. If o^{r} business may be accomodated in any time, wee hope to make up Rs. 3 Lack in goods from y^{e} place, w^{ch}, notwithstanding o^{r} troubles, wee might have been able to have gotten more, had wee been posses'd of money;

Wee Remain,

HONO^{BLE} S^{R} &^{CA}

Your humble Servants

JOB CHARNOCK

JAMES HARDING

NICH^{s} DAVIS

JAM^{s} WATSON.

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OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCILL AT FORT S^{t} GEORGE.

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Com^{dr} to Entertain all Europeans shall proffer their service in y^{e} Bay.

Order our Comand^{r} to entertaine in Bengall all Europeans w^{ch} proffer them theire service, and that they can have confidence in, And our Agent & Councill in the Bay to doe the like, & as many Mestees Soldiers as they thinke shall have occasion off and can trust, And if our Engineere Mr. Fowler can be spared lett him goe downe wth our Admirall to y^{e} Bay to assist at y^{e} Fortifieing of the place, for w^{ch} end lett him carry downe all sorts of necessarys, materialls, Tools and workemen, that you and our Admirall shall thinke convenient.

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To make present to King of Raccan being his friendship is of vast concern.

The fast Friendship of y^{e} King of Raccan from whom Chyttegam was taken from the Moores is of vast concernm^{t} to us, not only towards the surprizall but towards the ꝑpetuall preservation of that place against the Moores and Dutch, and therefore if y^{e} Country afford anything proper to enlarge o^{r} present to him or his Cheife Ministers w^{ch} we have not sent, or is not to be had in y^{e} Bay, you may send what you thinke fitt of that kind by o^{r} Vice Admirall for that purpose.

Small Ships goe up to Decca.

Wee have mentioned in our Bay lett^{r} of small ships goeing up to Dacca after they have secured Chyttegam, if the warrs continue soe long, and to take theire assistance as many of the Raccaners warr boats as they can, and if they should come before Decca on a sudden by surprise, we have reason to believe that y^{e} Nabob and all his Court and Army will Fly out of the Towne and leave y^{e} place desolate, in such and all other cases of that nature, it must be your, Our Agent & Councill in y^{e} Bay, & our Vice Admiralls care, that a competent share of whatever shall be taken there or elsewhere may be preserved to y^{e} Comp^{as} use, towards theire excessive charges.

to be all your care that whats taken there may be preserved for y^{e} Comp^{as} use.

W^{t} soever Comm^{dr} takes possession of Towne if Nabob will pay Comp^{a} w^{t} Agent & Coun^{ll} shall thinke fitt to conclude peace.

But if our Vice Admirall or Cap^{t} Bromwell or who soever shall be appointed Comander in Cheife of that Squadron that goes up to Decca shall have gott possesion of the Towne, or have it in his power to posses himselfe of it, if then the Nabob will pay the Comp^{a} what o^{r} Agent & Councill in the Bay shall thinke requisite towards the charge of this Fleete, and secure y^{e} paym^{t} of y^{e} Comp^{as} Debts and confirme to them and theire successors for ever y^{e} Citty and Territory of Chyttegam, and all theire ancient priviledges in Bengall, in such case on payment of the mony, we would have peace made and proclaimed without offering any Violence to y^{e} Towne of Decca or any of the Inhabitants, & wthout staying for any confirmation of the Nabobs peace from the Mogull, and in such case we would have for y^{e} encouragem^{t} of o^{r} officers, Seamen & Soldiers $\frac{1}{3}$ part of w^{t} shall be received from y^{e} Nabob distributed among our Comand^{rs}, Officers, Seamen and Soldiers according to y^{e} discretion of a Councill of Warr, giveing most liberally to such as have suffered any maime or wound, or that was most forward in any dangerouse enterprize.

all of Coun^{ll} Comm^{drs} to be Councill of warr.

We appoint that of all of our Councill at Bengall, & all Capt^{ts} and Comand^{rs} of Ships be of all ordinary Councills of Warr, but none in degree below a Capt^{n}, but that our Gennerall and Admirall in Bengall may w^{n} he thinks fitt call a Select Councill of Warr of y^{e} Comand^{rs} of o^{r} Flag Ships only & the 2nd & 3rd of Councill of Bengall.

Agent in Bengall and Chief Comm^{dr} by Sea and Land.

Though we have appointed Capt^{n} Nicholson to be only Vice Admirall in this expedition, our Agent in Bengall for the time being, to be Capt^{n} Gennerall

Admirall & Comander in Chiefe by Sea & Land, as well as Govern^{r} of Chittagam, yett at Fort S^{t} George Road, & in all places where our said Agent of Bengall is not present, Capt^{n} Nicholson is to carry the Union Flagg in his maine Top as Admirall.

to encourage all Seamen and Soldiers to work hard upon Chytegam fortification by Arrack, &^{c}.

For y^{e} Expedition of our Fortifications of Chyttegam we doe much depend upon the prudence of o^{r} said Vice Admirall and all our Capt^{as} of Sea and Land Forces, that they will by perswasion, theire owne example, and some little rewards in Arrack or otherwise encourage all our Seamen and Soldjers to worke hard upon our Fortifications untill they are finished, for untill a Citty or an Army be intrenched out of Danger of the Enemy, noe man ought to thinke himselfe too good to give his helping hand to make all sure, altho after the danger is over, such worke is onely proper for pioneers or such as you call Coolyes.

to mount 200 ꝑ Cent of Ordnance.

But our Admirall Vice Admirall &^{ca} must never thinke the danger over till they have about 200 good ordnances mounted upon theire Bastian as afores^{d} for though a less strenght might be security against all the power of the Natives, who can bring no Army by Land against Chyttegam nor otherwise approach, we know not how soone (they haveing mony enough) may hire y^{e} willing Dutch to assault us.

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to send bookes of Millitary discipline now in use.

You must not forgett to send to Bengall some of y^{e} bookes of Millitary discipline & Martiall Law, now in use in his Maj^{tys} Army, & to give them strict orders for keeping all our land officers & soldjers constantly to live & Lodge in Hutts or Barracks wth in our Fort, according to y^{e} usage of y^{e} Modern Garrisons in Europe, and that they may know how the more decently and conveniently to contrive them we have ordered all our Comand^{rs} and Lieutenants bound for Bengall before theire going to sea, to take a veiw of that regular Fortification of his Maj^{ty} y^{e} Block house at Gravesend.

Ag^{t} Beard either to remaine Chief or to come to Fort to be Second.

In our Secrett Instructions sent to our Agent Beard in y^{e} Bay, we have left it to his liberty according as he finds our affaires in a good posture there, either to remaine there as our Cheife, or to come up to y^{e} Fort to you to be our Second wth you, but we had then some thoughts that our Agent Gyfford might have beene comeing for England though our hopes are & desires to him that he will continue at least till he gives us timely notice of his Intentions) & so intended Mr. Beard to be our Second to our succeeding President Mr. Yale, therefore if our President Mr. Gyfford be there our Intentions is not that Mr. & Yale shall be displaced, but that Mr. Beard shall take his place next to him, & accordingly we have explained our meaneing to our said Agent Beard in y^{e} Bay.

not absolutely enjoyne y^{e} Customs at 5 ꝑ cent but to ꝑswade the Chiefes of Casts to consent.

Upon recollection and conference together about the great Concernem^{t} of this expedition to Bengall, we have thought fitt to deferr sending you those Laws we designed for Fort S^{t} George, and not wth standing what we have wrote about our Customes there to be raised to 5 ꝑ Cent we will not absolutely enjoyne you thereunto at present, But if upon reasoning wth the Portuguez and the Chiefes of the severall Castes you can ꝑswade them to consent freely to such additionall Customes, you may doe there in what you Judge most seasonable for our service at this time, wth a promise that we will never raise the Customes there or any part of India more, our purpose being never to exceed 5 ꝑ cent at w^{ch} rate its already settled in all other English Garrisons in India except Fort S^{t} George.

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Yo^{r} loving Friends,

JOSEPH ASHE, *Gov^{r}.*
JOSIA CHILD, *Deputy.*
BENJ^{A} BATHRUST.
JOSEPH HERNE.

LONDON, *the 20th January 168⅚.*

OUR AGENT AND COUNCILL IN BENGALL—

Majtys approbation of making over wth Nabob.

Our former letter from this Committee of Secresy, directing you in treating & if cause be in manageing a Warr wth the Nabob, especially & principally in securing that important place of Chyttegam, hath been approved by his Majty and we have by us ye copy of the said wth his Majetys owne hand to it testifying his Majty's approbation of ye contents thereof.

Capt Nicholson to be Judge Advocate in bay or whosoever appointed by Agent & Councill.

But in regard upon further thoughts we find it may happen to be necessary for you to have Justice nearer to you then Fort St George in a time of Hostility, we have by vertue of his Majtys last Charter (of wch we send you a Copy inclosed) appointed Capt Nicholson to be Judge Advocate for this expedition while he is in the Bay of Bengall &, in the absence of Capt John Nicholson we doe appoint Mr Thomas Lee, or whomsoever else our Agent & Councill shall appoint, & our 3rd & 4th of Councill of Bengall for ye time being, to be always assistants, to fill up our said Court of Judicature according to his Majtys late Charter, & that you may Govern yorselves & or affairs accordingly we doe herewith send you a duplicate of our Commission to Capt Nicholson for the purpose aforesd.

Imploy some persons in making of Sugar at Chyttigam.

And in regard the King of Raccan we hope may graunt you some considerable Territory round about or near Chyttegam, we would have you among other improvemts thereof imploy some persons in makeing some quantitys of Sugar, upon such termes as you can agree, letting them have the Land rent free on condition to furnish you with such a quantity yearly of the best Sugar as you shall thinke fitt to contract for for our use, wch you can have it at easy termes, may be as much as will load annually one of our biggest Ships for Persia.

Not to proceed to Chitygam till Capt Nicholson arrives (if in seasonable time).

We have said in our former letter that you should not proceed for Chyttegam untill Capt Nicholson arrives wth you, wth ye additionall forces he will bring you from Fort St George, & that he is —, or meaneing if he arrives wth you in any convenient time, but in regard he may be Dead; or may be prevented from arriveing wth you in time by some accident impossible to be foreseene by us, we must therefore in such & all unforeseene occasions, leave to you to proceed according to ye best of your Judgmt for ye Honor of yor King & Country as ye emergency of ye case shall require, soe praying God to bless & prosper yor endeavours we rest—

Yor loving Friends,

JOSA CHILD, *Depty.*

BENJA BATHRUST.

JOSEPH HERNE.

AT A COURT OF COMMITTEES HOLDEN THE 20th JANUARY 1685.

One-tenth part of all prize ships or goods for ye Kings use and one-sixth pt to ye Officers and Soldiers.

Whereas by a Clause in his Majtys Commissions under the great Seale of England granted to ye Captn of all Ships imployed by his Majtys East India Compa against the Mogull and his Subjects in India, there is to be reserved for his Majtys use one-tenth part of ye proceed of all prize ships and goods taken from the Enemy, this Court not wthstanding for ye encouragemt of all officers & seamen and soldiers that shall be employed in this expedition, doe declare that one-sixth part of all prize ships and goods taken as aforesd, shall be reserved for ye reward of such officers, seamen and soldjers as shall behave themselves valiantly toward the Enemy and dutyfull towards their Superior Officers, and for such especially as shall be wounded or maimed in fight, and the widdowes and orphants of such as shall be slaine, of wch said sixth part of the proceed of all prize goods & ships, there shall be kept an accott apart in ye Compas Bookes by ye Agent & Councill in Bengall, & by such persons as ye Agent & Councill shall appoint for that purpose, be distributed & paid out to ye said sevll persons concerned in India, by the order & direction of any Councill of Warr, that shall be summoned for that purpose, of wch Councill of Warr all ye Members of ye Councill of Bengall, and all Capta of Ships or Land Soldiers, or soe many of them as shall be wthin reasonable distance, shall be always members and summoned thereunto, when the Compas other business will permitt theire attendance.

they will secure ye reimbursemt for any Ship shall be lost in fight.

And likewise for ye further encouragemt of the Owners and Comandrs of Ships imployed in ye present service, this Court doth declare, that they will secure to them theire reimbursemt for any Ship that shall be lost in fight wth ye Mogulls Subjects, or the Dutch in India, in case ye Dutch there shall make themselves partakers in this Warr against ye English, or shall themselfes make any Warr upon this Company, also any damage that any Ship not lost shall sustaine in fight either in their Hulls, Masts or Rigger.

ROBERT BLACKBORNE, *Secr*.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OUR AGENT & COUNCILL OF BENGALL.

Considerations of the hardship they undergoe & their unnatural usage by ye Nabob &c.

The audacity of ye Interlopers.

The Governour & Committee haveing for Secresy sake left it to us to give you such orders & Instructions as we should thinke needfull for reduceing our affaire in Bengall to a better Temper & condition then they have been in of late years by such waise & means as we shall thinke best, we must tell you, that we have often & very seriously considered the misery & thraldome in wch you have lived ever since ye begining of the Interlaping times, & the ingratitude of the Nabob & those heathenish Governrs that take that advantage of that unnaturall division betwene ye English themselfes to oppress us all & deprive ye Compa of their ancient priviledges wch for long time they have Injoyed, & purchased wth infinite cost and repeated great presents; besides ye vast charge of erecting theire Factorys & buildings in that Country, We have likewise considered all that passed in yor Consultations for remedy of those grievances whilst President Gyfford was in the Bay, and alsoe yor Gennerall & ꝑticular letters from our President & Councill of Fort St George, and have examined seriously the opinion of ye most prudent and experienced of our Comanders all wch doe concenter in this one opinion, (and to us seemeing pregnant truth) *vizt*, that since those Governrs have by that unfortunate accident and audacity of ye Interlopers gott ye knack of trampling upon us and extorting what they please of our estates from us by ye beseidging of our Factories & stopping of our Boats upon ye Ganges, they will never forbeare doeing soe till we have made them as sencible of our power as we have of our truth and Justice, & we after many deliberations, are firmely of the same opinion, and resolved wth Gods blessing to pursue it.

Ordr to Capt Bromwell to proceed to Ballasore with Rochester Frigatt.

To wch purpose we have ordered the bearer Capt Bromwell in the Ship *Rochester* mounted wth 65 Gunns & furnished wth a competent number of able Officers, Seamen & Soldiers, to make ye best of his way for Ballasore, in Company wth ye *Rochester* Fryggott of 12 Gunns where we hope he will meet you & ye most part of our servants on board our small Vessells and Sloops ready to receive him according to intimation we have formerly given you to prepare yourselves.

Capt Bromwell to make stay of all ships, boats & other vessells belonging to Mogull.

As some of our Agent & ye most considerable of our Councill are come on board ye *Rochester*, we have ordered Capt Bromwell Rere Admirall of this expedition, forthwth to make stay of all ships, Salt vessells & other vessells belonging to y^{e} Mogull or any of his subjects, & to compell them to Anchor in some convenient place where he may keepe a guard upon them, that they doe not escape untill you see whether our differences wth y^{e} Mogull will settle in a firme peace, or come to an open Warr, & that will depend upon the Answer you will receive to y^{e} Letters, we have writt to y^{e} Nabob & such other letters as you shall find cause to write to y^{e} Nabob, w^{ch} you may send by any Native or other Messengers as you shall thinke fittest, but wthout presents w^{ch} you tell him plainely, wee think you have been too liberal allready except he had made you better returnes.

Cause of the Warr.

Our owne letters to y^{e} Nabob gives you the State of y^{e} Quarrell & the causes of the Warr, (if it proves one) & therefore we shall not here inlarge upon that, but proceed to direct you how to prosecute y^{e} Warr leaving y^{e} Issue to God Almighty.

Fleet.

The Forces we have designed you besides y^{e} *Rochester* & the *Rochester* Fryggott and our small vessells in y^{e} Ganges will consist of, *viz^{t}*—

	Gunns.	Seamen.
Beaufort John Nicholson Admirall	70	200
Nathaniell John Mason Vice Admirall	50	150
Royall James John Wettwang Cap^{t}	50	170
Tonqueen Rob. Knox Cap^{t}	24	50
Loyall Cap^{t} Eldred Cap^{t}	16	30
Priaman David Hobson Comand^{r}	16	30
Beaufort Fryggott	12	20
Nathaniell Fryggott	12	20

An acco^{t} of Land force.

besides six compleat Companys of Land Soldiers wth their Lieut^{nt} & all Inferiour Officers, & all the Comp^{as} Sloops & small vessells at Fort S^{t} George and Priaman, w^{ch} we have ordered to be imediately sent to yo^{r} aid from both those places well man'd & Armed knowing they may be of great use to you in y^{e} River of Ganges.

The Agent to be Chiefe of all forces by Land & Sea.

We have appointed noe Cap^{t} of our sixe Comp^{a} of Soldiers, because we resolve to keep to our ancient well-grounded custome of keeping always our Soldiers under y^{e} Comand of our Chiefe and Councill, & therefore we doe appoint, y^{t} our Agent for the time being be always Lieut^{nt} Genn^{ll} & Comand^{r} in Chiefe of all our Forces by Sea or Land in or near y^{e} provinces of Bengall & Oriza, and in all Seas, Harbours, Creeks and places near unto those Provinces or either of them, & that he be Collonell & Cap^{t} of y^{e} first Company of English Soldiers in Bengall, that y^{e} 2^{d} of our Councill be always Lieut^{nt} Collonell & Cap^{t} of our 2$_{d}$ Comp^{a} of Foote Soldiers, y^{t} the 3^{d} of our Councill be Major of our Regiment & Cap^{t} of o^{r} 3^{d} Camp^{a} and that all the rest of our Council according to theire station in Council be respectively Cap^{t} of the succeeding Camp^{a} of Foote Soldiers.

to hire if convenient N° of other Nations for Soldiers.

If you think any force of Land Soldiers be necessary to carry on this Warr & to secure any place you shall seize or fortifie, we give you leave to hire what number more you shall thinke necessary of any nation you shall thinke most convenient always observing not to have too many of any one nation.

to proceed at Cap^{t} Nicholsons arrivall wth all yo^{r} forces to Chyttegam both Sea & land & take y^{e} Towne.

When you waited for y^{e} Nabobs answer or treated with Commissioner from him, & cannot or are not agreed untill Cap^{t} Nicholson our Adm^{ll} for this expedition doe arrive wth force from Fort S^{t} George, we would then have you loose no longer time after his arriveall for fear of looseing the moonsoone, w^{ch} would be almost as fatall to us as a defeat, but imediately send our Admirall wth soe many of our Land Cap^{s} as you can spare wth all our land soldiers, & such recruits as you shall hire in y^{e} Country all our Ships save one & all our small Fryggotts & Sloops, that you can spare directly to y^{e} Fort of Chyttegam, where after summons, if the Fort Towne & Territories thereunto belonging, be not forthwth delivered to our Lieut. Collonell Job

Charnock or in case of his death or inability, to y^{e} persons y^{t} may Comand in Cheife in this expedition, we would have our forces land seize & take y^{e} said Towne Fort and Territorys by force of Armes & the same to seize take & keep for our use, & to kill slay & destroy as Enemys to his Maj^{t} all such persons w^{t} ever as shall oppose yo^{r} entrance & possession of the said Towne or Fort & Territorys thereto belonging.

if they deliver Towne to give Quarter to all.

But if ye said Towne or Fort shall be peaceable delivered to our said Lieu^{t} Collonell or other Comand^{r} in Cheife, for our use upon his summons as afores^{d} we would have you in such a case give the inhabitants faire Quart^{r}, & not to kill any of them or to take any thing from them, but to suffer them to remaine in theire owne houses, wth theire estates intire, saveing to our Soveraigne Lord the King theire faith & true allegiance from thence forth due, & themselfes to live in subjection to his Maj^{tys} East India Comp^{a} under such Lawes as the s^{d} Comp^{a} by virtue of his Maj^{tys} Royall Charter shall make & ordaine, for y^{e} Governm^{t} of that place & the Inhabitants thereof, but whatsoeever did formerly belong to y^{e} Mogull or his Govern^{rs} is for the future after surrender & capture of y^{e} place to belong & to be improved for y^{e} use of y^{e} said Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} & theire successors for ever.

allow y^{m} their Religions as at Fort.

You are to allow y^{e} Natives y^{e} liberty of theire sev^{ll} Religions as those Subjects to y^{e} Comp^{a} have at Fort S^{t} George.

to offer noe violence to women Children &c.

Above all things we would have you very carefull that noe violence or Injury be offered to women, Children or any innocent people, that doe not hastily oppose you & perticularly that you suffer noe prejudce to be done to Churches————Pagodas or other publick places where God is worshipped or said to be worshiped.

After secured Chyttegam to erect such fortification as shall be convenient.

The Warr being thus begunn we would have you take all y^{e} advantages you can to annoy & take purchase from the Enemy by land as well as by water, after you have well secured that important Port & place of Retreat of Chyttegam, w^{ch} we understand is strong by Nature & soe scituate that y^{e} Mogull cannot march an Army by land to it, And we would have you add Art to Nature by making it as much stronger as y^{e} Witt or Invention of man can extend to, for w^{ch} purpose we have sent you Ordance & Amunition Sufficient, and we know y^{e} place abounds wth hands, Provissions & Timber, & we would have you imediately after you are in possesion to summon in all y^{e} Inhabitants & Country people near thereunto to worke upon y^{e} Repaires of yo^{r} Fortifycation, and erecting such new Forts & buildings as you shall finde convenient for our service paying the Inhabitants for theire work in Rice or mony one-third part more then was usually allowed them by theire owne Princes or Govern^{rs} upon such like occasions.

to raise a revenue at Chytegam as may repaire the charge.

You will easily understand that this Fleet & Force of Soldjers at such a great dit^{ce} from England must needs be excessive Chargeable to y^{e} Comp^{a}, & therefore you must study all y^{e} possible meanes you can to raise such a revenue at Chyttegam as may in some measure repaire theire charge, & particularly it must be your especiall care to make y^{e} most you can of prize ships & goods that shall be taken from the Enemy in this Warr, y^{e} proceed of all w^{ch} you & all under you, are faithfully to bring to y^{e} Comp^{as} acco^{tt}, but out of y^{e} proffitt of such prizes we hereby give you liberty to reward at your discretion (with the Advice of our Admirall Cap^{t} Nicholson) any Officers, Soldiers or Seamen, that shall doe us any singular or extraordinary Service, or shall receive any maime or wound in our service, w^{ch} latter kind of rewards, & y^{e} former likewise if you can, we would have you to contrive, that if such rewarded persons be married men, theire Wives and Children in England may receive some benefitt thereby, & for such serving us, as shall happen to be slaine in this Warr, we will make a competent recompense to theire widdowes or Orphans here, all w^{ch} if you see a proper occasion you may, if you see cause, make publication of in y^{e} Comp^{as} name.

rewards to be given to such as have behaved themselves bravely &c.

Job Charnock to be Govern^{r} of Chyttegam.

We doe appoint our aforesaid Second of our Councill Job Charnock Esq. to be Govern^{r} of our Fort, Towne and Territorys of Chyttegam in the absence of our Agent Collonell John Beard Esq. afores^{d}, but w^{n} the s^{d} Collonell Beard shall be president at Chyttegam he is to be our Govern^{r} and Comand^{r} in Cheife if he likes to continue there, but in case the said Collonell Beard wth change of y^{e} monsoone had rather goe to Fort S^{t} George to be our Second of Councill there, we hereby give him leave soe to doe, & in such case we appoint our said Second Collonel Job Charnock afores^{d} to be our Agent in y^{e} Bay, Collonell & Cap^{t} of our first Comp^{a} of English soldiers & Comand^{r} in Cheife of all our Forces by Sea & Land in or neare y^{e} Provinces before mencioned, requireing all our Merchants Factors Officers of what kind soe ever, Serv^{ts}, Seamen & Soldjers in such case to yeild him obedience accordingly, & we desire that y^{e} said Lieut^{t} Collonell Charnock may proceed upon y^{e} *Beaufort* on y^{e} Chyttegam expedition wth Cap^{t} Nicholson whilst Agent Beard stay in Ballasore Road, wth such assistance as he shall make choice of, to proceed in any treaty as shall be on foot for accomodation of all differences wth y^{e} Nabob, as alsoe to take care to gett of from y^{e} shore any Remaines he can of our old effects or Debts & principally for disposeing of our prize ships & goods by sending such of them only as are proper for Fort S^{t} George to that place wth salt and w^{t} else is proper for Sumatra to Priaman, & w^{t} ever is proper for Europe as Cowries, Drugs &^{c} to be put on board our Europe Ships at Chyttegam, Rice likewise, & all sorts of provissions more then is sufficient to store y^{e} Fort at Chittagam for 12 months we would have putt on board y^{e} *Royall James* for Atcheen; the rest of the Salt boats, old Junks & other vessells, that you know not what to doe with we would have you sell at moderate rates, but w^{t} you cannot sell or will not be of use to us at any of y^{e} afores^{d} places, or to you at Chittegam, you must destroy or give away to y^{e} King of Raccan, his officers, or subjects for service they will probably doe you in this or other expeditions if the Warr continue, & that is y^{e} best way we can thinke of for the disposeall of any Elephants you may intercept comeing from Tenassary to Bengall.

to gett of from shoare all remaines or debts, to get provitions for Chyttegam for 12 months.

to send an Embassy to y^{e} King of Raccan to desire his aid agst Mogull.

go to secure Chyttegam as not to feare y^{e} Dutch more y^{n} Moores.

Now we have named the King of Raccan, we must note to you, that he is y^{e} old Enemy of y^{e} Mogull, & y^{e} best and most powerfull Ally you can, have in that part of y^{e} world, & therefore we would have you, after reading these Instructions, upon mature Consultations & wth as much privacy as you can to send an embassy to him wth a present desireing his aid, and that he would come into a strict alliance wth us against y^{e} Mogull and all other Indians or Europeans that shall take part wth y^{e} Mogull against us, for w^{ch} you may promise him all Elephants taken in Warr, & all Juncks & other Vessels wth Convoyes to his Warr Boats, & halfe y^{e} plunder of Dacca, if y^{e} War continue, & if it be your good fortune to take it, after you have well Intrenched & secured yourselves in Chyttegam, w^{ch} you must doe soe secure that you need not lesse feare y^{e} Dutch then the Moores, if y^{e} Dutch be soe treacherous as to make themselfes partakers in this quarrell w^{ch} we doe not in theires at Persia, nor ever did in any other of theirs of the like kind, neither doe we thinke they will hastily doe in this untill they have order for it from Europe, or at least from Batavia, but, however, its safe to provide for the worst, & we shall not grudge any reasonable charge too much for your safely.

to draw into yo^{r} alliance 2 or 3 Gentu Princes w^{ch} life under Mogull.

There are likewise two or three ancient Gentu Princes that live in Bengall under great Slavery to y^{e} Nabob w^{ch} you will doe well to draw into yo^{r} alliance by such meanes as you shall thinke fitt, & for presents for all our occasions we shall send you w^{t} is sufficient by this ship.

After secured Chyttegam to dispose of Fleet.

After you are well secured at Chittegam, if you doe not imediately ingage upon some designe against Dacca, you must be thinkeing how to dispose of our sev^{ll} ships in this Fleet that they may not lye too long burthening us wth y^{e} charge of demorage, w^{ch} will eat very deep into our stock (if what you take in recompence prove not considerable), but you can not expect any direct or particular order from us at this distance, not knowing under wt circumstances you may be 12 or 14 Mths hence, But to give you as much light as we can as to wt we would have, wee desire the *Royall James* may loaden wth Rice & provissions for Atcheen, & that you send 2 or 3 Factors & 2 Writers to remaine there in ye Compa house as a Standing Factory, & we would have ye *Royall James* Instantly dispatched from Atcheen wth her returnes to our Governr & Councill of Priaman there to take in her ladeing of Pepper, wch we have ordered to be provided for that purpose.

The *Tonqueen* & the *Priaman* we would likewise have you send to Atcheen wth provissions for ye same place & order them to returne againe to you or else to goe againe to Fort St George to be disposed of there, as our President & Councill shall think fitt for their future employmt.

Tonqueen and *Priaman* to be sent to Atcheen with provissions.

Capt Eldred is to be discharged by us in ye Country as you may perceive by the Copy of his Charter party sent you herewth.

Capt Eldred to be discharged in ye Country.

Capt Mason in ye *Nathaniell* you may send to Bombay wth Copper, Tutenague & Cowries, filling up his ship wth Rice, for ye use of that Island, wch ye Mogull will have an aching tooth at after ye Warr breaks out in Bengall, but we have & shall prevent him as well as we can.

Nathanll send to Bombay with Copper, &c.

The *Beaufort* & *Rochester* wth such of our small Fryggotts as you shall thinke necessary you may retaine at Chittegam whilst you thinke them needfull for our security, but while you ride there you may be loading them wth Petre & what other goods you have or can procure proper for Fort St George or for Europe, filling each of them up before they sayle wth Rice for ye use of our Garrison at ye Fort, our small Fryggotts likewise & Sloops wch you shall detaine in ye Bay need not at all be idle but kept cruiseing for purchase & voyageing as ye Monsoon shall serve for theire speedy returnes to you, to & from Atcheen, Priaman, Fort St George or Bombay where & in such manner as you shall Judge they may be most serviceable to us, either as to purchase salt of theire little Cargoes or Intelligence, our new little Fryggotts being so contrived for saileing that we hope upon necessity they may performe any voyage between Port & Port in India against the Monsoons.

while you lie at Chittagam be loding of Petre for Fort St George.

Besides the strenght of ye Fortification at Chittegam & our Ships in ye Road we thinke it may be necessary for you allways to have rideing in some convenient Station neare you 2 or 3 prize Junks turned into fire ships to burne any Enemy's ship that may come into ye Road to annoy; we thinke likewise if you take any Junck of 800 or 1,000 Tunns you may doe well to make a Hulke of one of them to keep constantly rideing in ye Road of Chittegam to cleane & carreen our Ships by, wch will be of the greater use & necessity since you will probably have always ships in that Road, but we only mention these things that you should not forgett to Consult our Comandrs concerneing them, and doe therein wt they shall advise of for ye best.

To keep prize Juncks for five ships & to make of one a hulk.

After you have taken Chyttegam, if you thinke you have noe further need of ye Pryaman Compa of Foote Souldiers you may returne them thither, if you keep them at Chyttegam they must by the Rule of Armes be ye Governrs Compa being first raised.

to returne Priaman foot Soldiers if no occasion.

You are to encourage all you can ye Natives to plant Indigo & Cotton & to make Salt Petre, if there be any proper grounds for it near Chittegam, wch we cannot doubt, as alsoe planting of Mullbery tree for Silke Wormes, Wee haveing ye greater hopes that some of these particulars may take effect to our advantage in a little time, because its in ye memory of some of us, that Cossimbazar itselfe, wch is now ye most famous Mrkett for fine manufactures was an Inconsiderable place of Trade, it was our mony & trade that first raised it to that reputation it now hath, lett noe usefull means be wanting to invite any usefull Natives in all professions from Pattana, Dacca, Maulda, Cassimbazar, Rajam,

Encourage Natives to plant Indigo, Cotton, &c.

& Hughly, Ballasore and all places where you have any acquaintance to resort to you at Chittegam or settle wth you.

Mr. Beard goe to Fort to take charge of what Councill, Factors Writers to carry.

If Mr. Beard resolve to stay in Ballasore Road & from thence to proceed for Fort S^{t} George we leave it to his owne choice w^{ch} of our Councill, Factors, & Writers to detaine wth him & carry up wth him to Fort S^{t} George to be imployed there, whereof we would have Mr. Higginson to be one, whom we doe hereby appoint upon his arriveall at the Fort to be last of Councill there next after Mr. Wavell that we are now sending thither from hence.

Mr. Charnock's Councill to be made up seaven he included.

And we doe leave it to our s^{d} Agent & Councill before Mr. Beard's departure for y^{e} Fort to make up y^{e} number of Mr. Charnock's Councill to seaven, our Intended Agent Mr. Charnock Included.

Agent Beard if desire it to govern Chittegam Mr. Charnock to be Second.

But not wth standing all we have said if Mr. Beard our present Agent shall desire rather to continue our Agent at Chittegam wth y^{e} other authority & Comands before mentioned, w^{ch} are to be held & exercised by whoever is or shall be our Agent there, we doe conferr upon him & appoint him to proceed wth Cap^{t} Nicholson for Chittegam as aforesaid, & that Mr. Charnock goe along with him as his Second & Lieut^{t} Coll., whose assistance in that place we would by noe means want, in regard of his fidelity & long experiences in the Languages & Customes of that Country, the like we may say of Mr. Pownsett whom we would have upon leaveing Dacca to be of our Councill at Chittegam in such Station & such Comand as may be to his content, he being a most usefull man to us.

to invite people from Reymaul to settle at Chittegam.

We have named Reymaul amongst other places aforesaid from whence you should invite people to settle wth you at Chittegam principally for y^{e} sake of y^{e} Sheroffs because we doe intend after a little time to sett up a Mint there of all sorts of Coynes that comonly pass in Bengall, & for small change we suppose Cowries may be of that use at Chittegam as they are in other parts of Bengall, for w^{ch} purpose you may reserve some for our use & sale at Chittegam, & some part of the prize Copper & Tutenague, of the rest that you shall not need yourselves at Chittegam send ⅔ to Fort S^{t} George & ⅓ to Bombay.

to take goods of King of Syam & give his Comand^{r} receipt for damages.

If any of y^{e} King of Syam or his subjects goods shall come into your hands or you can take comeing from Tenassare you may give his Comand^{r} a receipt for an amo^{tt} of damage done y^{e} English East India Comp^{a} by his wicked Minist^{r} Constant Phaulcon, & write Phaulcon w^{t} you have rec^{d} & w^{t} it produceth on sale, but sell the goods & bring the produce into our Cash adviseing our Genn^{ll} & Councill in Bombay w^{t} it amo^{ts} to, because we have ordered our said Genn^{ll} & Councill to make up amo^{tt} wth y^{e} said King whose charge in our Bookes amo^{ts} to——————a copy whereof you have here inclosed.

to exercise Martiall Law.

You are to exercise Martiall Law as well in our Ships as in our Garrison according to his Maj^{tys} last Charter of w^{ch} we send you an authentick Copy, & alsoe 12 Bookes cont^{a} Military discipline & Martiall Laws now in use here, unto w^{ch} we would have you conforme, & to make yo^{r} selves knowing & experienced in now you are to have y^{e} Comand of Souldiers.

To leavy same Customs at Chittegam as is at Fort S^{t} George & Priaman.

Our Customs we have now established at Fort S^{t} George, Priaman & Bombay at 5 ꝑ C^{t} to be punctually collected of, & for all goods ship'^{d} or Landed by our owne Serv^{ts} & other English & Natives, & all people w^{t} soe ever, w^{ch} you are accordingly to leavy at Chittegam, either upon valuation in mony or in kind, as you shall judge most for o^{r} advantage, all other dutys you are likewise to collect thereafter the same manner & in y^{e} same proportion as we have directed to be done in Priaman, for yo^{r} clearer insight whereinto we send you wth this Copie of o^{r} last lett^{r} to Priaman.

Cap^{t} Nicholson to take acco^{tt} at Fort what is needfull as to Rules & orders of Garrison & methods of Dutch & to inform you & P.

And in regard this is y^{e} first time any of you have had the Comand of an English Garrison & Colony in India, we have desired Cap^{t} Nicholson, to take in writeing at the Fort (where he is to be of our Councill whilst stays there) what he thinks needfull for yo^r knowledge in relation to y^e Rules, Laws & orders of that place; relating to our revenue & the Governm^t of our Soldiers & Inhabitants there, & to informe you not onely thereof, but of the more pollitick and better studied methods of y^e Crafty Dutch at Batavia, who are never to be out done but by a people as wise as themselfes, in makeaing all conquered or fortified places pay their owne charge &^{c}; & we doe appoint him the said Cap^t Nicholson, our Admirall in this expedition to be third of our Councill at Chittegam & y^e Bay during his stay in Bengall, & to take that place & charge imediately upon his first arriveall in Ballasore Road, but he is not to have any Company of Land Souldiers as one of our Capt^s of Chittegam (being but a Temporary Councillor) w^{ch} are all to be of our Standing resident Councellors.

Intent to make a warr with Mogull.

But you must always understand that th^o we prepared for and resolve to enter into a warr wth y^e Mogull (being necessitated thereunto) our ultimate end is peace, for as we have never done it, soe our natures are averse to bloodshed & Rapine, w^{ch} usually attend the most just warrs, but we have noe remedy left, but either to desert our Trade, or we must draw that Sword his Maj^{ty} hath Intrusted us wth to vindicate the Rights & Hono^r of the English Nation in India.

Demands on Mogull for damages, yet if he will agree to leave Inheritance of Chetygam and Territories to make peace &^{c}.

Now in order to peace, we must briefly tell you that th^o in our lett^r to y^e Nabob we doe demand sattisfaction for this great Fleet and Force w^{ch} we compute at 200,000£ Demorage of our Ships those 3 last yeares; & other damages sustained by his beseidging our Factories and obstructing our trade, w^{ch} we likewise compute at 200,000^{ls}; & for new impositions & Pishcashes extorted from us contrary to our ancient Phirmands these three last yeares w^{ch} we compute at 50,000^{ls}; for all our Factories Buildings goods & Debts w^{ch} his Tyranny has forced to desert & leave in his Country 170,000^{ls}; yett wee are not only soe desirous but fond of peace, that if he will agree to leave us y^e Inheritance of Chittegam and y^e small Territories thereunto belonging, upon such termes as the Priaman have voluntaryly wthout any occasion given us that Citty of w^{ch} we send you a Copie Inclosed, we shall upon these Termes relinquish all our foramentioned demands & resettle in his Country in our old Factorys, & upon our old priviledges, he agreeing that our Rupee & other Coynes Coyned at Chittegam of equall Alloy & weight wth his rupees shall pass curr^{tt} in all parts of Bengall, & that all Debts due to y^e Comp^a from any person or from any persons being y^e Mogulls subjects, shall be duely & Justly paid on both sides, but noe Interest on either side during y^e time of Hostility, what ever advantages you may gett by y^e warrs we would never have you insist upon excludeing any Nation from any part of that trade, w^{ch} you may signifie to y^e Nabob, y^e Dutch & all other presons.

not to delay the surprizeing of Chetygam.

But in regard wth out such a Fort as we designe at Chittegam on that side of y^e Mogulls Country yo^{r}selves & our estates would never be secure after this breach from y^e Dutch, or y^e Moors separate, or conjunct, we are resolved never to part wth it on any Termes, soe we would not have you, by reason of, or y^e hopes of success of any Treaty, to deferr one moment the sending of our Force thither to surprize it as soone as you have Cap^t Nicholson wth you from Fort S^t George, nor to agree to relinquish any of y^e Land, reputed to belong to Chittegam or wthin 10 miles or some certaine bounds distance from our Intended Fort, for th^o land be little or nothing worth in Bengall under that Tyrannical Governm^t, it will in a few years become of great value under y^e mild Governm^t of y^e English, & therefore upon yo^r agreem^t wth y^e Nabob gett as large a circuite of Land included in his Phirmand as you can.

Noe certaine rules for restitution of Damages or Losses.

For Damages or Losses sustained on either side dureing y^e Hostility, we can give noe certaine practicall rule or medium of restitution, & therefore on making of peace, both nations must be content to sett downe wth their owne Losses dureing y^e Hostility, as y^e Danes & Mogulls subjects did after theire last Warr in Bengall.

impower & order an agreem^t with Nabob.

And altho we know noe peace y^e Nabob shall make wth you can be good & firme untill it be confirmed by y^e Mogull, yett not doubting of y^e Mogull confirmation, when you are once strongly posted in Chittegam you may for bear all further Hostillity in those parts as soone as you are agreed wth y^{e} Nabob, w^{ch} agreem^{t} we hereby empower yo^{r}selves to make, & shall order our Gennerall and Councill of Surratt to confirme w^{t} you agree unto for that side of y^{e} Mogulls Country, never the less we would have you constantly to advise our S^{d} Genn^{ll} &^{c} & our Presid^{t} & Councill at Fort S^{t} George of all yo^{r} proceedings.

to Commance Treaty with King of Raccan as soon as possible &^{c}.

Wee leave it to yo^{r} discrestion, whether or not to make use of both or either of those letters we have wrott to y^{e} Nabob or King of Raccan, or any others that you shall thinke most proper, in our or yo^{r} owne hands, but we would have you commence yo^{r} Treaty wth y^{e} King of Raccan & those Gentue Princes in the Bay as soone as possible you can after you are safely gott on board the *Rochester*.

All ships freighted this year in India to stay 2 years in Country.

You must take notice that we have freighted all Ships y^{t} serve as this year in India to stay two years in y^{e} Country if you have occasion to keep them soe long, w^{ch} we have done, as well to give you the opportunity of sending first home all our ships that went out last yeare, as to defend our new settlem^{t} & our Interest in all parts of India during the time of Hostility, never the less we would have you always beare in yo^{r} minds the vast charge of theire demorage and provide soe that while they stay in the Country they may be earneing what is possible towards it.

if any business of consequence to be known, dispatch small frigatt to us.

Our new Frygatts are soe contrived for the Sea that they may as well goe about the Cape as the best ships we have, soe that upon any occasion of consequence to be knowne unto us, you instantly lade one of them wth any kind of goods & dispatch her home to us for Intelligence, but if y^{e} occasion be not extraordinary it will not be well to doe it because such little ships make but Inconsiderable freight for Europe.

Condition wth King of Raccan for miles round Chittygam.

Chittagam being——— there we doubt y^{e} Nabob has but little Territory there to give you any right unto, But you may condition for a small matter wth the King of Raccan to have as many miles round it as you desire & as many as you will of those little uninhabited Islands near it, w^{ch} doe abound in the Raccan shoare.

if any Man of Warr is in India to ware the Flag not wth standing w^{t} mentioned.

You are to take notice, that if at any time there should be any of his Maj^{tys} owne Ships of Warr in India the Comander of such Ship must Comand in Cheife at Sea, and wear the Flag not wth standing any thing mentioned in this letter, we remaine—

East India House,
14th January $168\frac{5}{6}$.

Yo^{r} very loving Friends,
JOSEPH ASHE, *Gov^{r}.*
JOS^{A} CHILD, *Deputy.*
BENJ^{A} BATHRUST.
JOSEPH HERNE.

LOCUS SIGILLI.

JAMES R.—

approve of making warr upon the Mogull.

We have seene & doe hereby approve of those Instructions from our East India Comp^{a} to their Agent & Councill of Bengall for makeing a Warr upon the Mogull or King of Indostan, & such as shall assist him wth in the limitts of y^{e} said Comp^{a} Charter, given at our Court at Whitehall the 16 day of January $168\frac{5}{6}$ in y^{e} first year of o^{r} Reighn.

By his Maj^{tys} Comand,
SUNDERLAND P.

Vera Copia concordat cum suo Originali
quod attestor regatus.
ROBERT BLACKBORNE.
notar^{s} publ^{d}.

London, 4th March 168$\frac{5}{6}$.

OUR AGENT & COUNCILL AT HUGLY—

recd ꝑ Curtana the 23d March 1687.

Our last was of the 20th of January by the *Rochester, Beaufort* and *Nathaniell* wherein we wrot unto you att large, & to which we have not more to add att present but to inclose the Invoyce & Bill of Lading of what is sent

Curtana to serve eight months in ye Country by Charr parte & yn at liberty to trade.

you on this Ship the *Curtana* by the Coppy of whose Charterparty you will find she is to serve us eight months after her arrivall with you, if there bee occation to make use of her so long, & afterwards she is att liberty to trade in India according to agreement.

Mr. Richard's estate was taken in Agents hands.

We understand that the proceed of Mr. Richard's estate was taken into our Agents own hands, whereas by our Rules the same ought to have been brought into our Cash, & advice sent us how much the same amounted to, to the end the same might be paid to those that have Legall authority to receive itt, Wee have not else to add but remaine—

Your loving friends,

JOSA CHILD, *depty*.

WORCESTER.

JAM. WARD.

London, 16th March 1685.

OUR AGENT & COUNCILL IN THE BAY OF BENGALL—

recd ꝑ Curtana the 25th March 1687 List of goods.

Since our last to you of the 27th January 1685 signed by Sr Jeremy Sambrook wee have had a sale & although in the generall Wee do referr you to his orders & those former observations on the List of goods sent you by the Ship *George* yet wee have thought good to add these following directions *vizt*.—

Ghurraes.

Gurrhaes send us 10000 Ps Ns 2, 3, 4, 5 and if there bee any other numbers send some for a triall.

Sannoes.

Sannoes send none att all unless 20 ꝑ Ct cheaper.

Cossaes.

Cossaes send us 3000 Ps as wee wrot for formerly by the *George*, but let there bee 500 Ps finer then any by the *Anne*.

Mulmulls.

Mulmulls according to former directions by the *George*, but lett there bee 500 Ps finer then any by the *Anne*, if procurable, Wee take notice of the Mulmulls from Maulda No A B C. C R & D R wherein we have been greatly abused, they will not yeild us by 20 ꝑ Ct so much as their prime cost in India, about which make strict and diligent inquiry, that we may have satisfaction from those that have so shamefully abused us therein.

Romalls.

And whereas by the *George* we wrot for 48000 Ps of Romalls encrease that number to 73000 of the severall sorts hereafter mentioned *vizt*—.

Romalls sute.

Rumalls Sute No 1 & 2 send 5000 Ps No 3 & 4. 12000 Ps No 5 & 6 12000 Ps No F 4000 Ps.

Romalls gurrubb.

Romalls Gurrubb No G 1 send 4000 Ps G. 2 4000 Ps G. 3 8000 Ps G. 4 8000 Ps G. 5 8000 Ps and G. 6 8000 Ps.

Luckhowries.

Luckhowries send none.

Mohobutbannies.

Encrease the number of Mohobutbannies to 2000 Ps.

Longees.

Longees send none of any sort altho' by the *George* we wrot for 5000 Ps.

Rastaes.

Rastaes No 15 send 500 Ps & No 1 & 2. 500 Ps altho' in the List of goods in our Warehouses, We wrot for none.

Whereas we wrot by the *George* for 3000 Ps of Gutburrows send us but 2000 Pieces.

Defects in packing.

Damages from the King of Siam.

Concerning the defects in packing of severall of our goods recd from the Bay, We referr you to a letter written by our Warehouse-keeper Mr Leonard Bray herewith sent you, & order you to take care, that we may have no occation, to complain thereof for the future. We are—

Herewith we send you a List of the damages we have sustained from the King of Siam & his Ministers.

Your loving friends,

JOSA. CHILD, *Depty.*
WILLm SEDGUICKE.
JOHN GOODERE.
THOMAS RAWLINSON.
GEORGE BOUN.
JOHN PAIGE.
JOHN BANKS.

JAMES WARD.
JEREMY SAMBROOK.
WILLIAM JARRET.
SAMUELL DASHWOOD.

London, 24th March 168$\frac{5}{6}$.

TO THE AGENT AND COUNCILL IN THE BAY OF BENGALL.

Srs,

recd ℘ *Curtana* 25th March 1687. Glass Granados distinct from Invoice.

Since the closure of the *Curtana's* Packet & her dispatches by our Masters, there is sent on board of that Ship 600 Glass Granado shells, according to the enclosed Bill of Lading, they cost 4d ℘ ℘s is 10 which is charged to your acct distinct from the the Invoyce sent you, please to give our Acct Currant Credit for itt accordingly for no further Invoyce needs to be sent then this intimation of the quantity and vallue which is by order of the Depty Governr. I remaine—

Your friend and Servant,

FRANCIt BEYER.

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recd ℘ Loyall Capt 11th April 1687.

P.S.—To a Duplicate from the Rt Honble Compa added to the Genll of the 24th February 168$\frac{5}{6}$.

Mr. Knipe & Mr. Turner to be Factors att Priaman.

Wee have elected Mr. Richard Knipe & Mr. John Turner who formerly served us in the South Seas to be Factors att Priaman for the tearm of 3 years, att 30lb a year each, who take their passage on this Ship *Loyall Captaine,* Wee would have you by the first oppertunity that offers, send them to Priaman.

List of the Compas Packett to the Fort by the Ship Loyall Captaine.

1. Compas Genll to the Fort dated the 24th February 1685.
2. Invoyce of *Loyall Captaine.*
3. Bill of Lading do.
4. Charterparty do.

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Fort St. George, July 1686.

ATT A CONSULTATION,

Present:

WILLIAM GYFFORD, ESQ., *President and Governor.*
MR. ELIHU YALE.
„ THOMAS LUCAS.
CAPTAIN JOHN NICHOLSON.

July 10th.—Agreed, that the Letter of Secrecy bee not published to the rest of the Councill, onely to Captain Nicholson, who is appointed of this Councill, and acquainted with the whole affair, till the Ship *Beaufort* be dispatched. And that all things relateing to that concerne bee kept as private as possible, but there being many things which require public action 'tis feared it cannot be kept so private as is desired.

The General Letter of Secrecy to the ffort and Instructions to the Agent at Bengall being now read, it is resolved, that all possible expedetion be used in the unladeing the *Beaufort* and dispatching her to Bengall, and that before her departure Mr. Lucas doe goe aboard and surweigh the quanity of water, *etc.* she carrys down.

That the Sloop *Madapallam* and Sloop *Mary* doe accompany the *Beaufort,* and in regard that all our other sloops are employed some at Priamand and the Sloop *James* being laid up at Eunore, without possibility of getting her out this season it is ordered that two Country ships bee entertained to serve in this Expedition, and that the new Sloop *Speedwell,* lately built at Madapallam, and which lyes laden with that ffactory goods at the Barr's mouth, bee dispatched to Bengall as soon as she hath discharged her Ladeing in this place.

There being many of our English soldiers sent to Priamand and many dead, and there not remaining above thirty private soldiers in the Garrison, it is ordered that two companies of Portuguese and Mesteez soldiers bee entertained for this service, and English officers be sent down to instruct them, and Captain William Richardson and Captain James Lesly, being experienced men, bee the persons for it.

The Right Hon'ble Company expecting that we should furnish the ffleet with an Engineer and with tools and materialls for the assault and raising a ffortification, Gunner Fowles being dead, and having none capable for that employment, it is to be recommended to the Commanders and the Agent, &c., in Bengall to supply that want.

And whereas the ffriendship and assistance of the King of Arraccan is very necessary in this affair, and it being very difficult or not att all attainable att this season from Bengall thither, and we having great Invitations and Respects from him lately by a ship of this place coming from thence, it is thought most convenient that a country ship called the *Ormus Merchant* bee dispatched thither directly from hence, with Letters and a Present from the Governor to engage his assistance, and it being absolutely necessary that we should have some other place of Recruit and Rendesvouz for our ships and men in case of a failure at Arraccan, and Point Negrais being greatly recommended to us for a very fertile Island, plentifull of all sorts of Provisions and an Excellent Harbour for the greatest ships att all seasons, with great quantity of excellent Timber for building or fitting of ships, and as capable of improvement for all sorts of commodities and manufactures which Bengall affords, upon these and other great considerations which hereafter we shall be more particular in. It is ordered, that the *Pinke John* and *Mary* (Shee being upon a survey thought alltogether unfitt for an Europe voyage) be sent as soon as possible to Sd. Negrais, to take possession of the place, and make provisions for the ships.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THOMAS LUCAS.
JOHN NICHOLSON.

ATT A CONSULTATION,

Present:

WILLIAM GYFFORD, ESQ., *President and Governor.*
MR. ELIHU YALE.
„ THOMAS LUCAS.
CAPTAIN JOHN NICHOLSON.

July 17th.—The Right Hon'ble Company having ordered us, in their General Letter at Surat, to make reprize all of any ships, or other concernes, belonging to the King of Siam, for wrongs and injuries done them by Constant Phaalkon, and Captain John Nicholson (one of this Councill) having his Majties and the Right Hon'ble Company's Commission for it, which hee is very willing and ready to execute it is thought convenient that he look into Metchlepatam and Vizagapatam Roads, as he goes along the Coast, because possibly some of said King's ships may not bee yett departed.

There being a shipp arrived here from Persia——*Surat*, where of Captain William Hilder is————and bound for Bengall. It is agreed that she (should not?) depart hence before the *Beaufort*, and that she bee made use of to embarque some of the soldiers for Bengalla.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THOMAS LUCAS.
JOHN NICHOLSON.

ATT A CONSULTATION,

Present:

WILLIAM GYFFORD, ESQ., *President and Governor.*
MR. ELIHU YALE.
„ THOMAS LUCAS.
CAPTAIN JOHN NICHOLSON.

July 30th.—Doubting the Agent and Councill in Bengall may by force bee detained aloft, or may find some evasions of themselves to continue there, it is agreed that we proceed, however, to the seizing upon Chittagam, and that some persons of the Councill here, and others, bee sent down to supply their vacancy, besides taking in at Ballasore such persons as may be thought fitt for that purpose, and that orders and instructions bee drawn up accordingly.

Agreed allso, that in case the Agent &c., shall come down to supply those stations appointed them, that then said persons sent hence proceed upon some vessels to Arraccan, to treat and establish a friendship with that King, and to dispatch the vessels with provisions to Captain Nicholson, &c., and they to come hither upon the *Ormus.*

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THOMAS LUCAS.
JOHN NICHOLSON.

Att a Consultation,

Present:

William Gyfford, Esq., *President and Governor.*
Mr. Elihu Yale.
,, Thomas Lucas.
Captain John Nicholson.

August 2nd.—Resolved, that Mr. Robert Ffreeman and Mr. Nathaniel Higginson, of this Councill, doe goe down upon the *Beaufort* upon the prementioned affair, who being sent for and acquainted therewith, accept thereof, being well satisfied therewith.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THOMAS LUCAS.
JOHN NICHOLSON.

Att a Consultation,

Present;

William Gyfford, Esq., *President and Governor.*
Mr. Elihu Yale.
,, Thomas Lucas.
Captain John Nicholson.

August 7th.—In regard that the Dutch Governor, &c., Councill from Polliacat, has sent us a Declaration of the Causes of the Warr between them and the King of Golcondah, and that they had taken possession of Metchlepatam, forbidding us thereof in a manner all trade, it is thought convenient that Mr. Freeman repair thither to take care of the Right Hon'ble Company's Concerns there, and for that Agent Charnock, by a particular letter, advices he has received intimation of the Right Hon'ble Company, design, and was making preparation, it is resolved that Mr. Ffeeman proceed, not to Bengall as before agreed, but that wee direct the Agent, &c., to follow the Right Hon'ble Company's orders in reference to our warr with them, as near as they can.

Agreed, that Captain Nicholson doe now touch at Metchlepatam in his way to Bengall, to land the Right Hon'ble Company's goods and treasure, and that the Sloop *Madapallam* goe to Vizagapatam to carry from thence provisions for the ffleet.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THOMAS LUCAS.
JOHN NICHOLSON.

August 14th.—A Generall to Agent Charnock, dated 12th instant, and Captain Nicholson's Dispatch and Instructions were read, passed and signed. Copies thereof follow, *viz.*—

FORT ST. GEORGE, *12th August 1686.*

To—The Worshipful JOB CHARNOCK, ESQ., Agent for the Right Hon'ble Company's Affairs att Hugly.

When you have perused the Right Hon'ble Company's orders to you concerning the present expedition of an intended warr with the Great Mogul, in all his Territories, and particularly in Bengall and Orixa (in case you are not come to such an agreement with them) before the arrivall of the *Beaufort* as the Right Hon'ble Company have now directed, you are speedily to execute their commands in the same as directed in their said orders, which you will have a further opportunity to consider of with Captain John Nicholson, when he arrives in the Bay, for which purpose we would have yourself and Council to meet him whereever hee shall appoint between the entrance into the River of Hugly and the Braces, and when yourself and the most considerable of your said Councill are there, and that there is no agreement made by that time between us and the Natives,. then you are to doe them all the injury you can, and not (by reason of, or in hopes of, the success of any further Treaty) to deferr one moment the surprising of *Chittagam* ? in the same manner as the Right Hon'ble Company have directed ? there will not upon due Summons deliver the ? and Territories thereunto belonging, and whether you ? or surrender it must be strongly fortified and kept ? Hon'ble Company use notwithstanding any other Treaty of ? for the reasons given you in their Hon'ble Instructions. 'Tis true, they say that after you have waited the Nabob his answer to what they have wrote him, or treated with Commissioners from him and cannot and are not agreed, that then upon the arrival of the *Beaufort*, you are to proceed in the warr as aforesaid, provided yourself and the most considerable of the Councill are aboard, which we confess may be conjected, that nothing is to be done till then, but we can't suppose by that, that the Right Hon'ble Company would use the hazard of looseing the opportunity of the monsoon to do this work in, or that by any agreement that can be made before, they would not yet expect satisfaction for the great charge they have been at in sending out so great a ffleet, and likewise for the many sums of money they have for this many years most injustly extorted from us; besides, if there bee any agreement made, it must bee considered whether they have granted what we haved petitioned the Mogul for by our vakeil, for unless they have done that, and given us a redress for all our aggrieveances (which we have represented to him by our said vakeil,) we are of opinion that a bare Phirmand, now, to be Custom free, will not be sufficient, especially if we have not also the Nabob's own Phirwanna. He being so powerfull, that hee may (if he pleases) refuse to obey the King's Phirmand, as many times he has done. And as we can't suppose that the Right Hon'ble Company have any other meaning in part of them above said orders then what we have humbly presumed to interpret, so neither can we imagine, that though you should not bee permitted to come down to Captain Nicholson, that therefore the Right Hon'ble Company would be willing to lett fall this Hon'ble Designe (now they have been at so much charge and trouble about it). We say we cannot think it, for if you can't come, (not being permitted by the Government,) then we have reason to prosecute the warr more vigorously, and in such case Captain Nicholson may write the Nabob, that if hee doe any of you the least wrong, that he will revenge it, a thousandfold upon their People. Neither doe wee believe that it will bee a sufficient reason to desist from making warr, upon the score of any slight agreement you may have made, but that unless the Mogul has granted to us all those things before mentioned, and petitioned for by our Vakiel, and paid the £600,000 which the Right Hon'ble Company demand, or make over to us the Inheritance of Chittagam, &c., you ought to proceed therein; this we say is our opinions (being ordered to promote the designs what we can). But the Almighty direct you to act for the best.

We hope the *Rochester* may have been arrived in the Bay before the *Beaufort*, and that yourself and a Councill are now aboard her, and come to some Resolution about this great affair (you having had long since private notice to prepare for it by letters from hence, to which you have returned such answer, as gives us hopes of your readynes therein). But after the *Beaufort's* arrivall into Ballasore Road, tho' the *Rochester* should not bee there, or that you should not be able to come down, wee can't think, but that it would be convenient to order Captain Nicholson to proceed to the Seizing of Chittagam as speedily as you can (and likewise to order all the ffleet, both soldiers and seamen to bee obedient to him and Councill of Officers); if they refuse to deliver it to you upon summons, annoying them what you can continually both by sea and land, which if the Allmighty gives you sucess in, then you may capitulate with them afterwards upon such terms as the Right Hon'ble Company themselves have directed you in, and as the President and Councill in the Bay have thought fitt in their Consultation of the 12th November 1684, should bee insisted upon in case wee should have the power on our side, for we have often experienced the delatorines of the Nabob, and that nothing can be done without the sword in our hands, therefore no opportunity should bee lost to put us into such a capacity, which the Right Hon'ble Company are so fearfull should be omitted, that they have ordered no time, should bee neglected, if the *Beanfort* should not arrive in due season, but to proceed upon the bussines with what force you have after the *Rochester's* arrivall, and then the Nabob may think himself that hee has (after so many applications to him) deferred doing us justice so long.

If you can't have an opportunity to speak with Captain Nicholson, then you must send him all the Right Hon'ble Company's instructions about this affair (that he may erre in nothing of their commands, but act in all things as directed by them if he can) and appoint (in your absence for the reasons aforesd) some trusty persons (that may be come down or in Ballasore) in the equality of those commands as the Right Hon'ble Company have themselves appointed, for which purpose wee had once resolved to send Mr. Robert Ffreeman and Mr. Higginson (who are now of our Councill), but that the Dutch having taken possession of Metchlepatam, wee were forced to send Mr. Ffreeman thither to take care of the Right Hon'ble Company's concernes. But because it would bee more agreeable to the Right Hon'ble Company's orders to have yourself and Councill to exercise those offices, wee would have you (if it should so fall out that you are hindered from coming down as before ordered) to contrive some way or other with Captain Nicholson to get out of their hands by force, and if possible allso to bring away with you the Governor of Hugly (that rogue who was the occasion of our troubles at Hugly, and of Agent Beard's death), also Muttradas and Ramjebbon or any other of the Right Hon'ble Company's Merchants that are suspected to have been the cause of all our troubles in the Bay and have done so much wrong to the Right Hon'ble Company in keeping such a correspondency with the severall Governors that have every year given you so much molestation till the season for investments were allmost spent, that you have been allwaies forced to give them their own rates for their goods, for which very end those villaines never failed to cause trouble enough. If you have occasion, you are by the Right Hon'ble Company's order to us to entertain all Europeans and Musteezes that proffer themselves to serve them, and when you have done with our soldiers sent from hence, you are to return them to us, and you must take care to preserve for the Right Hon'ble Company all the plunder taken of the natives, and for any that have deserved well there's care taken to reward them otherwaies, and if any slain, their widows and orphans are to be considered, and Captain Nicholson has ordered to receive one-tenth of the plunder for his Majesty's use. When it shall please God that you have possession of Chittagam, great care must be taken for the preservation of the soldiers' health and as well for that, as the security of the place, they are ordered all, both officers and soldiers, to ly within the fortification, in hutts made for the purpose, according to the present custom in Europe. Captain John Nicholson is to take his place of third of Councill in the Bay.

If the warr should continue, you must however remember to doe what possibly you can to supply us with rice for the fort, and saltpetre for the quintelage of shipping, and pray remember, when you can spare any ships, to look out for the purchase, that at Acheen you may, most probably, meet with some, and lying in the Malacca Straght's mouth about the beginning of the month of February you may happily meet with some Surat shipp or other belonging to the Mugull from Manilha.

The Sloop *Madapallam* we have ordered to Vizagapatam to lade rice, etc., provisions for the use of the ffleet, fearing there may bee some difficulty to get any from shoar, if the breach should bee begun before the *Beaufort* arrives. When you can spare any of the ships in the ffleet, let them come up along this Coast, and the other side about Tenasseree, cruiseing it on both sides, to see if they can meet with any of the King of Siam's Ships, which they are by the Right Hon'ble Company's orders to seize upon, giving the Commander a receipt for the ships and goods, and send a copy of said account to us to be remitted to Surat; that the King of Siam may have due credit there for the same, (as for what else may be so seized upon) till the Right Hon'ble Company are satisfied the full of their demands upon said King, and as for what Englishmen are found upon his ships, order our Commanders to receive into the Right Hon'ble Company's service, giving them encouragement for the same.

Concerning your treating with the King of Arraccan (as the Right Hon'ble Company have ordered) it may be of great advantage to the design in hand, therefore pray omitt not to send one ship or other, with fitting persons and presents upon her for that purpose giving them the necessary instructions, and we shall also promote it as much as we can from hence by a country ship, wee are sending with a letter and presents from us on this affair.

Negrais is a very convenient place (if there be occasion) to repair our ships in, and great stores of refreshment may be had there, which we mention, that you may have it under your consideration, and we are about to endeavor a settlement there for that purpose and future emprovements.

This warr with Bengall will concern you, much to promote, it being partly through your particular encouragement that gave the occasion of so great a preparation at such a vast charge, which you must therefore well weigh and permit no particular considerations to impeed it.

We should willingly have sent you more sloops, but that we have them not with us. The *Rochester* and *William* are gone to the West Coast, the *James* is laid up in Enore(?) River and can't get out for want of water. The *Speedwel* and *Thomas* and *Gimgerlee* were all laden with goods from the northward and coming hither, but unhappily put back; if they come to us in time (being ordered to use their endeavors) we shall send them to you, but at present we can only send the *Madapallam* and *Mary* which are ordered to go with the *Beaufort*, only the *Mndapallam* is gone a little before to Vizagapatam, we should also have sent you one or two of the country ships, but they are abroad, except one, that must of necessity bee repaired before they can goe upon any voyage, and we can't meet with any other at present. But there is Captain Hilder that belongs to Surat (if there bee occasion) we believe will bee very ready to serve the Right Hon'ble Company.

There is great want of arms and ammunition for the soldiers, (because those the Right Hon'ble Company intend by the *Beaufort*, were left behind), though we have supplyed them with what we have and can possibly spare from this garrison, and if those intended from England doe come upon the latter ships, they shall be sent down to you.

Pray bee frequent and speedy in your advices to us, as often as occasion offers in any thing of import, and the Almighty give you success in all your undertakings, soe wee remain

Your affectionate friends,

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THOMAS LUCAS.
JOHN NICHOLSON.

To—CAPTAIN JOHN NICHOLSON, Commander of the Ship *Beaufort.*

We have made what possible expedition we could to dispatch you from hence with respect to your further designe, but you well know how many necessary matters we had first to accomodate, besides the time that was required to unlade your ship. But now having finished all, you are immediately upon receipt of these to repair aboard your said ship, and the first opportunity of wind and weather presenting to weigh anchor and sett sail bending your course for the speediest attaining of the road of Ballasore, onely in your way to touch at Metchlepatam, and deliver what goods and treasure we have now laden upon your ship for said place and Madapallam, to Mr. Robert Ffreeman, Chief, &c., Council, their resident, which busines pray dispatch with all speed, and from thence sail to Vizagapatam to see if there bee any ships (there belonging to the King of Siam) which if there bee, you must seize upon her, giving the Commander a receipt for the ship and what you find upon her, and send a copy of said account, which we shall remitt to Surat, according to the Right Hon'ble Company's order, that the King of Siam may have due credit for the same, as for what else may be so seized upon till the Right Hon'ble Company are satisfied the full of their demands upon that King, and as for what Englishmen you may find upon the said King's ships, carry them along with you into the Bay to serve the Right Hon'ble Company in their occasions there, and give them encouragement for the same according to your instructions for the Right Hon'ble Company.

But if it be true (as we hear) that Captain Inglish has killed a man, you may secure him well and send him to us a criminall, and when you have done at Vizagapatam (makeing no more stay there than is absolutely necessary,) then proceed to the road of Ballasore as aforesaid, and when it shall please God to arrive you in safety there, you are to follow the orders of the Agent, &c., Councill at Hugly, and in the meantime, till you shall receive said orders, we would have you write as speedily as may be, a particular letter to Agent Charnock himself acquainting him that you have some private letters directed to himself, both from the Right Hon'ble Company and ourselves, of great import, as allso others to himself and Councill, which when perused you have much to discourse him about, the contents thereof, and that hee may receive them with privacy, and both of you have an opportunity to meet together, wee would have you appoint him a certain place for him and Councill to come to you, somewhere or other, between the entrance into the River of Hugly and the Braces, where wee desire you to goo in one of the new Frigetts attended by some or other of our sloops with as many seamen and soldiers as well armed (upon both) as you shall think convenient for your safety to retreat when you please, but in the meantime be sure to doe no injury to any of the Natives, and of your desired meeting wee have given the Agent notice, but referr it to yourself to appoint the most convenient place as above said; and if it should so fall out, that the Agent, etc., should not be permitted (by the Government) to come down, then we would have you continue some way or other to gett them out of their hands by force, which we have allso advised the Agent to correspond with you about.

But if by no means you can gett them to you, then you must write the Nabob and the Government of Hugly a very sharp and threatening letter (without any respect to compliment) that if they do any of them the least wrong, either in their persons or estates, that you will revenge it a thousand fold upon their people, and that you were sent hither with a great force from His Majesty the King of England for that very purpose, and we have further written to the Agent, etc., to give you orders how to act in case there should be an impossibility of their coming to you.

So soon as you come into Ballasore Road, you must immediately take care (before they have any suspicions upon what account you come) to gett what arrack, etc., provisions and water you can from the shoar.

When you have received the Agent and Councill order, and that you are going upon any expedition you must at all times call a Councill of Officers; and we doe hereby require all persons whatsoever in the ffleet, whether seamen, soldiers or others, to be obedient to your orders, In case of necessity to promote the designe you are upon, we doe order you to make use of any thing of the Right Hon'ble Company's aboard either goods, stores or treasure, giving us or the Agent, &c., Councill in Bengall an account of the expence of them, and you may allso make use of any of your own stores and provisions in their service, and you shall bee allowed for them, because we would in all things promote their honorable design on this present expedition, and as we doubt not but that you will avoid all unnecessary expences, so we hope, that you lett nothing be wanting to your power.

It is a great trouble to us that we have lost so many soldiers upon the *Nathaniel*, and we should have supplyed that want from hence if we could; but we have sent (as you know) all we could gett and would have you allso entertain all Europeans, Musteezes and topazes and lascars and pariars procurable as you find occasion.

In case the Agent &c., Council can't come down to you, we have ordered him to appoint what other factors hee can from Ballasore or elsewhere to supply their places; but if he should not be able to doe that neither, then you must endeavor to gett them; that in case you should proceed to the taking possessions of Chittagam, the superior officers may be of the Right Hon'ble Company's servants that are merchants, and supply the want of soldiers by the seamen in the ffleet and the fifty lascars and pariar peons which we now send upon your ship may be divided on our ships and sloops as you find occasion, or may serve with some English among them for the outguards when you have taken Chittagam.

You must by all means endeavor to secure the ffleet from the storme if you proceed not to Chittagam before the monsoon bee over, and wee know of no better place then Kedgaree, where your men may be refreshed; and if you use not the poor innocent Natives ill, no doubt but you will be supplied with all manner of provisions from all parts besides what you will find upon the place. Concerning the *Diamond Frigatt*, we know of no manner of order from the Right Hon'ble Company about her. But you tell us shee belongs to their Honors, therefore pray see that shee be supplied with all manner of stores and provisions that she may want, allso the seamen entertained at some certain wages, and it shall bee allowed you by the Agent and Councill in the Bay to whom he have wrote about it.

Your prudent management of the affair you are now upon will bee an honor to our Royal King, country, and the Right Hon'ble East India Company, and a great reputation to yourself. Soe wee wish you a prosperous voyage and good success. Dateing these presents in Fort St. George this 16th day of August one thousand six hundred, eighty and six according to the computation of the Church of England.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.

ELIHU YALE.

THOMAS LUCAS.

August 16th.—Captain Nicholson having received his dispatch and instructions, dated this day, went aboard his Ship *Beaufort* before noon and sett sail, but Mr. Ffreeman and others attempting to goo off soon after, the surfe rose so high, that the *Mussula* filled and they were in danger of being drowned, but they gott safe ashore, and not dareing to putt off again that day, (the surfe continuing high) the *Beaufort* came to anchor.

August 17th.—In the morning Mr. Ffreeman, &c., went aboard the *Beaufort*, whereupon shee sett sail and proceeded for Metchlepatam, accompanied by the *Diamond Frigatt* Captain Woodcock, Commander, and the Sloop *Mary*.

BULLOCKE, *Master*.

August 19th.—A Generall to said John Child, General at Surat, dated this day, approved, signed and sent by Patamar to give him notice of the intended warr in Bengall, that hee may make preparations accordingly. Coppy whereof follows, *viz :—*

Fort St. George, 19th August 1686.

To His Excellency Sir John Child, *Baronet,* General of all the English Forces att Sea and Land in the North Parts of India, and President of the Right Hon'ble Company's affairs at Surat.

We have perused the copy of your Excellency's letter to the Bay, the consideration whereof is not now left to us; but the Right Hon'ble Company have given possitive orders by the *Rochester* (which is gone before) that if they are not or cannot come to an agreement before the *Beaufort* arrives, that then they should not by reason of, or in hopes of, the success of any Treaty to deferr one moment the sending of their Force to surprize the Fort of Chittagam, of which possibly you may have notice before now by the two Ships *Charles the 2nd* and the *Moderna* appointed for your parts which were allmost ready to come forth when our ships came away. The preparation from England for this warr with the Mugull is very great in all respects. You see by our Generall to Your Excellency and Councill what ships are gone and to go thither, to which are to be joined the Phiaman Ships, and we being ordered to promote their designe what we could, have sent down soldiers, arms, ammunition and provisions (with our best advices and directions) as to some different circumstances (in prosecution of said orders, adding what else necessary for the promoteing the main design according to order), and we believe there will bee now near a complete regiment with all their appointed officers, so that if Chittagam bee not delivered to us upon contract, or that they doe not pay us for damages £6,00,000, there will certainly a warr ensue without any more dilatory capitation. However it cannot bee amisse that Your Excellency (having this notice from us or before from the Right Hon'ble Company themselves) doe secure yourself and the rest of their servants (as many as you can) so soon as possibly may be in your Fort at Bombay, and send thither what can bee got together of our Right Hon'ble Masters Estates and your own, and your prudence will not want one contriveance or other to avoid the least suspicion of a warr in your removeall thither; and we are of opinion and think it altogether advisable that you act (but privately) in all things, as though you had certain news of the warr begun, (for fear of the worst) though they are ordered to send you immediately advices from the Bay of all their proceedings, especially as to peace or warr when they are come to any Resolution about it. And if there should be warr, we hope you will have time enough from England to surprize their India and Mocho ffleet, if not you cannot fail of meeting with their ffleet from Persia and Bussora, as allso their shipps from Manilha, Siam, Acheen, Juedah and other parts of the South Seas, for we doubt not but the Right Hon'ble Company would have this in their consideration from your own advices to us of the 21st December 1684, Coppy whereof we presume your Excellency sent home, and the same went from us by the *Beaufort,* that their Honors might bee acquainted with all opportunitys to reprize themselves and order their supplyes accordingly in time.

Whenever the warr breaks out in Bengall, we are afraid the Nabob's advices to Surat may bee speedier than ours, or they may give them an account before hand of their suspicions thereof, and so they may surprize you and secure you, till they hear the certainty thereof; to prevent which we are of opinion that the sooner you gett aboard our ships the better, and there Your Excellency &c., stay with security (upon one pretence or other) untill you receive advices from Bengall, what they have done, but we presume the Right Hon'ble Company themselves have given your Excellency full directions what to doe under most circumstances, and that your better knowledge thereof in what they could not foresee will cause you to act as they may occasionally require for the security of your own lives, and theirs, and your own estates, and so we need say no more concerning this, but heartely wish you good success in all your endeavors for your own security.

We desire, with all our hearts, that there may bee a good accommodation of all our differences in the Bay, but we must needes again repeat it, wee fear it will hardly bee the Right Hon'ble Company demands being so high (and yet not unreasonable, neither in respect of their great charge of the ffleet and former damages sustained) and their orders so positive to proceed upon the warr, if not granted, and we can't see that our Vakeil at Court doth anything to the purpose, he onely spends our money there apace it seems, and that we doubt will bee the only issue of our business; at last, which indeed will justify us the more in our proceedings to a warr, in that wee have first tryed all fair means to have a redress for our aggrieveances, but instead of that have received nothing but affronts and abusive languages, to the dishonor of his Royall Majesty our King, and all his subjects, which will not now bee put up upon easy terms, but how they will consult and manage that great affair in the Bay, your Excellency and ourselves can onely now wait for their advices, and we pray God to direct them for the best, and so remain

Your Excellency's Affectionate Friends
and very humble Servants,
WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THOMAS LUCAS.

August 26th.—A Generall to Agent Charnock and a Generall to Captain Nicholson, both dated this day, approved and signed to bee sent by the *Nathaniel*, coppyes whereof follow, *viz.*—

Fort St. George, 26th August 1686,

To the Right Worshipful Job Charnock, Esq., Agent for the Right Hon'ble English East India Company's Affairs in Hugly.

Having wrote you so lately and largely by the *Beaufort*, dated the 12th instant, unto which we referr, we have little more to add at present, only chiefly to acquaint you, that we have left our Garrison very thin of soldiers to supply your occasions, and therefore doe desire you (after the Chittagam busines is over) to return us the said officers and soldiers (or as many of them as you can spare, especially the marryed men, whose familyes here will want them), leaving that place strongly fortified with about 200 pieces of ordnance mounted upon the bastions, and well supplyed with rice and paddy, powder and ammunition of all sorts, and a sufficient garrison of men therein, which probably may bee supplyed with a good additional number of Portuguese and Mesteeze partly from Hugly and other places of Bengall and partly of those resident at Chittagam, who will be more ready to serve us than the Moors to whom they are so much enslaved.

If it should so fall out that you engage in a warr with Bengall, we know not well which way you can supply us with rice from thence, therefore we desire you (because of our great want) to contrive some other way to supply us therewith, and we think if you can spare some burdensome vessells either at prize shipps or others (besides that ship you are to send with a present to the King, with some persons upon her to treat with him about that grand affair, who may bee assisted and directed by such persons as we shall send from hence, if they shall happen to meet with one another) you would do well to send her to Arraccan with money sufficient to buy her cargo of rice there, with order to bring it thither, with some factors or others upon her to see that the money bee laid out well, and that shee bee speedily dispatched to us, for here are nothing but signs of a very severe famin, and the more rice wee can get from any part the better, so that wee hope you will take more than ordinary care about it, and make what expedition you can therein.

If any of the ffleet want repair or provisions, there is extraordinary good timber at Negrais, and plenty of wild hog and deer, and very safe Harbour, of which we have acquainted Captain Nicholson, so that if there bee occasion you may make use of that place.

We desire again to remind you that you would not fail to give us speedy advice whenever you are come to any Resolution either of warr or peace, and after as any thing occurs in the great affairs worthy our notice, and this being all that we can think of, to recommend to your care at present, wee shall conclude these and add what else offers by the next opportunity.

So remain,
Yours Affectionate Friends,
WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THOMAS LUCAS.

Fort St. George, 26th August 1686.

To Captain John Nicholson, Commander of the Ship *Beaufort.*

We hope these will find you safe arrived in the Bay, and that the *Rochester* gott there some time before you; that the Agent and Councill receiving their full instructions by her, may have come to some resolution either of war or peace with the Mugull; but least the *Rochester* should not have been arrived before you according to expectation, and that the Agent, etc., Council of Hugly, could not be permitted to come down to you, nor send you the Right Hon'ble Company's instructions to them, we having received a duplicate of the same by the *Nathniel,* do now remitt them herewith to you (with three other necessary papers, according to the list herewith) that you may the better know what their Honors have directed in allmost all cases, leaving it to you and your Councill of officers to act thereby as necessity shall require. But we having given in your private dispatch from ourselves, dated the 16th instant, such Instructions as we thought most agreeable to the Right Hon'ble Company's intentions in this expedition, we doe referr chiefly to that, and remain,

Your Affectionate friends,
WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THOMAS LUCAS.

August 28th.—One Robert Masfen having been at Chittagam and producing a journall of a voyage from thence towards Bengall, which may bee of use to Captain Nicholson, a coppy thereof was thought fitt to bee sent to him by the *Nathaniel,* with a general of this day's date, coppy whereof follows, *viz.*—

Fort St. George, 28th August 1686.

To Captain John Nicholson, Commander of Ship *Beaufort.*

Since the finishing and sealing up of our last to you of the 26th instant, we have gott a coppy of Mr. Masfen's journall from Chittagam towards Bengall, which we have thought convenient herewith to remitt you, and have had some further discourse with him concerning Chittagam, which he says is a bigger place than Hugly, and that the Citty and Fort of Chittagam lyes about 10 or 12 miles up a small river, at the mouth whereof, *viz.*, on each of the points, which makes the mouth of the river, there is a small fortification with a few gunns and a little within the said points lyes 5 or 6 ships and 60 or 80 boats of war of about 60 oars apiece, which after the freshes are over (the latter end of October) lye, prepared for service for the Rouanners and the men appointed for rowing, constantly attending the boats, besides five or six hundred Portuguese and Musteez soldiers and two or three thousand Moors for the guards of the boats, ships and points.

And that great ships may lye without the Barr (in about 6 or 7 fad water) farr off the small river's mouth, so as to bee capable of disabling the fortifications on the points, and allso the ships and boats which lye with the points; and that smaller ships of 200 tonns may safely goe over the Barr into the said small river, up to the fort and citty of Chittagam (keeping on the larboard side after they are over the Bars), and ride so near to them, as that Granadars may be easily cast into the ffort and city, and after a shipp is come fair before the city, if they proceed but a quarter of a mile, and double a point, they will come so near to the Nabob's home, as that they fire it from the ships being within muskett shott.

That the citty may be easily burnt in a dry time by landing a few men, the homes being all built of bamboos.

Allso that Skipper Michael (the Dutchman mentioned in the title of his Journall) understands the place well, was then so abused that hee threatened revenge, has all along armed the English, and may bee heard of at Ballasore where hee has lived.

That seaven European belonging to the *Advice Pink* left them and entered themselves into the service of the Nabob in Chittagam and there continue as hee has been informed by one Smith, who was one of the said seaven and cleared, (after a twelve months' stay there) by procurement of the Agent of Bengall, and is now at Pettypolls or Metchlepatam, whom wee will send down to you, if we can by any means.

That of four Portuguese Captains lying at the Points, there is one Vinta Forera, a great rogue and not to bee dealt with, but John Fernando (the second Captain) a civill man to the English, of a very good estate, and would be glad to be delivered from his present subjections to the Moors, as he has often declared to Mr. Mesfen, and since to Captain Baine.

That the forts, both at the Points and at the Citty are made of nothing but mudd-walls, and there is about 60 gunns, but most of them not mounted, and few that know how to use them, their soldiers being many of them Christians, no doubt but some encouragement offered to them at the same time when you first summon the garrison will bring them all over to your side, most being unwillingly stopd there, but after you have possession it will not bee convenient to trust any of them in the Fort, but may receive pay and serve for the out guards.

You better know Mr. Masfen and how far you may depend upon his relation than wee, he having sailed formerly with you, so we leave it to you to make use thereof as you find convenient, and having nothing more to add at present, wee remain,

Your affectionate friends,
WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THOMAS LUCAS.

P. S.—We have found amongst our stories two small morter pieces which are put up in two cases marked V and No. 22, and are on board the *Nathaniel*, which may be of very great use to you.

E. Y.
T. L.

August 31st.—In persuance of the Right Hon'ble Company's orders in their instructions, dated 14th January 1685-86, concerning treating with the King of Arraccan, for his assistance against Chittagam, it was thought fitt, that Mr. Nathaniel Higginson and Mr. Thomas Yale doe proceed upon the *Loyall Adventure* (after her returne from the Southern Factories) to Arraccan for the said purpose, who may manage that Treaty with the King about Chittagam (either alone or jointly with those that may come from Bengall) under the cover of procuring a grant of Negray. And a Generall to the Agent of Bengall, to advice him hereof was approved and signed, to bee sent by the *George.* Coppy whereof follows, *viz.*

Fort St. George, 31st August 1686.

To the Right Worshipful Job Charnoch, Esq., Agent for the Right Hon'ble Company's Affairs, in Bengall.

The King of Arraccan no doubt (as the Right Hon'ble Company will observe) may bee very much assisting to you in the keeping of Chittagam, if you are once so successfull as to get possession of it, as allso to plunder Dacca whenever you resolve upon it, and we believe hee will bee very ready to engage therein, (if there bee occasion) for two reasons, First, to be revenged of his old enemies (which by his strength alone hee hath not been of a long time able to doe). And then for that the Right Hon'ble Company have ordered you to offer him the half of the plunder about which they have allso ordered you to send a small vessell thither with their Honour's Letter and Present, and some fitting persons to treat with him about the said affairs, which pray fail not to doe being a business of so great import; and seeing wee are intended to make a settlement at Negrais, wee are sending the Ship *Loyall Adventure* thither, with Mr. Nathaniel Higginson (now one of our Councill) and Mr. Thomas Yale upon her, to see it performed, and after that's done (upon the turne of the monsoon) wee shall order them to go to Arraccan, where, if they find any person there from you, that may inform them of the state of affairs in Bengall (if they have not treated before with the King) then they may consider together of both ours and your instructions and conclude upon what is best to be propounded to him, but if your people have concluded it before, or that they think it not convenient to add any thing more (that they may gather from our instructions) then Mr. Higginson and Mr. Yale are to treat with the King onely about granting us the inheritance of Negrais, which we understand belongs to him, (tho' there are no inhabitants upon it); to whom we shall allso send our letter and present; and we doe appoint Mr. Higginson (according to the Right Hon'ble Company's Rules) to preceded any of those persons that shall be sent from you, upon the business aforesaid, and Mr. Thomas Yale to take place according to his station which is to bee next to those of your Councill, or Chief of a Factory, if any be sent, and this being onely upon the particular occasion above expressed, we have nothing more to adde, so remain

Your affectionate friends,
WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THOMAS LUCAS.

Fort St: George, 4th October 1686.

To the Hon'ble Committee of Secrecy in the affairs of the Right Honorable Company of Merchants of London trading into the East Indies.

May it please your Honors,—Your Honors having directed a Letter of the 14th January 1685 particularly to ourselves, whereof we acknowledge the Receipt, we shall now submissively reply thereunto.

The 2nd paragraph in the above said letter was read to the rest of our Councill, and they were very well satisfyed that there might be reason sufficient for the present concealment of the contents of the rest, and accordingly our consultations thereon were carried on by ourselves alone, and also letters of secrecy were written and directed only to the Agent of Bengall himself, copies of all which we now send for your honour's perusal.

Your honour enclosed letter to the Agent and Councill of Bengall, we did often read and well consider of, and have promoted the design therein mentioned as much as lay in our power, by sending to their assistance in the Bay, both men, arms and provisions and many other necessary stores for such an enterprise. The Ship *Nethaniel* had about 40 of her soldiers dyed in the voyage, but we sent up several ships and sloops from hence, 220 men, *viz.*, English, Dutch, &c., 39, Portuguese 115, Lascars 54, Armorers, &c., 12.

Captain Nicholson (of whom we have the like opinion as your honour's) did take his place in our Councill according to your order, and he will do the same in the Bay.

The several ships designed into the Bay with what sloops we had here, were all despatched thither as soon as possibly we could, considering their late arrival (the 7th of July), and the time spent (our *mucquaws*[*] being so few and no more to be had) in unlading them and landing the soldiers and the great preparation we were to make in diverse respects, as is required in a design of that nature.

There was no occasion of any country vessels, your honours having ships and sloops enough of your own, to carry down all the soldiers we could get, otherwise if we had had any of our own here, (and there had been occasion) we should readily have employed them in your honour's service.

At present we are very bare of men in this garrison, and therefore according to your honour's order (besides the necessity thereof) we have wrote to have so many of our soldiers returned as they can spare.

All our soldiers (so much as the Portuguez at east) went upon this expedition with a great deal of alacrity and promising courage, after they had heard the good encouragement your honours ordered us to give them at their going off which was declared to them at large, when they all joyfully expressed their thankfullness to your honours by waveing their hatts and crying God blesse the King and the Right Hon'ble Company.

Your honours will find by our Letters to the Agent in the Bay, that all your orders have been advised of. But Mr. Fowles is dead, at Priamand, of whom we have a great losse (who was ordered to come hither again if hee had lived) and would have been an excellent man to have served your honours upon this occasion in the Bay.

Mr. Thomas Wavell has taken his place in our Councill according to your honour's order and at present is Paymaster General. And your honours having ordered in your instructions to the Agent, etc., Councill in the Bay, that Mr. Nathaniel Higginson should come up from thence to bee of our Councill here (who being allready with us) he has taken his place in Councill according to said orders, and we intend him to doe your honours some particular service somewhere or other abroad, and when that is effected, to returne to us again to settle here.

We are thinking to send a ship to Arraccan with some of our Council, etc., upon her, to treat with that King about giving us the Inheritance of Negrais, and allso to join with those they may send from Bengall in the treaty with him about Chittagam, and when we proceed in it, shall send him a present accordingly.

Concerning Jahore we have discoursed Captain Nicholson and Mr. Slyleman, and they neither of them give any incouragement to settle or fortify there; but being we understand your honour's designe of having some proper place for the future security of the China and Japan Trade (where the China Junks might come to us safely without passing by Batavia or Malacca) we shall have it in our thought, and make further enquiry where there may be such a convenient place.

We have delivered to Captain Nicholson a Book of Military Dicipline and Martiall Law now in use in his Majesty's Army, and copy of our rules and orders in this garrison, and the rates and manner of our collecting our customs here.

Agent Beard (as your Honour have long since been advised) is dead, and now the chief management of that great affair in the Bay will lye upon Agent Charnock, to whom we have given the best directions we can both in generall and particular, that he may quitt himself well in that great imploy, to which the Allmighty give a blessing that those wicked Governors in the Bay may be taught better things, then to abuse and affront us so as they have done, besides their intolerable oppression and extortion for which we are throughly convinced the warr, which may by this time bee begun with them, is very just and lawfull, and we are in great expectation to hear from thence, after Capt Nicholson shall arrive there, that we may judge how things are like to go. But by what we have allready received we perceive they are worse and worse and they dispair of making any investment this year.

The President not having his health well in this country (which he had often intimated to several particular friends to apply themselves to your

[*] Mucquaws, Properly 'Machwa' S. Mahr. *Machwa*, 'a kind of boat or barge in use about Bombay.'—*Hobson Jobson*, by Coll. Yale and Mr. Burnell.

Honour that hee might have leave to come home) did intend to have imbarqued upon the *Kempthorne* (especially considering he had allso humbly address'd himself to your Honour about it, by the *Envoy Merchant*, which he was in hopes might have been arrived before all the ships bound for the Fort this year were come forth, and that he might by them (which as yet are not arrived) have heard from your Honours), but now since your Honours have been pleased to honor him so far as to signify to him your desires for his continuance, he esteems himself greatly obliged thereby, and in duty bound to stay till he receives an answer from your Honour to his aforesaid addresse, wherein he hopes your Honour (in favour to him, after his so long service and want of health) may have granted his request, in the meantime hee assures your Honours to continue his faithfull endeavours to do you the best service he can.

Concerning the raiseing your Honour's customs, we have already wrote the Right Hon'ble Governor Company what needfull therein, as also in answer to their Honour's Generall of the 17th June 1685 to the Generall and Councill at Surat.

The Dutch we understand allso like to quarrell with the Bengallers, but we think 'tis impossible for them to know any thing concerning your Honour's particular designe upon Chittagam, in regard it has been kept so private here, and such care taken, that it be so managed in the Bay not to be discovered in the least, till they proceed to action, or else to be sure the Dutch will aim at the same mark on purpose to prevent us, But this being thought by us and often discovered of to Captain Nicholson before he went, we hope he will take great care in this particular.

We hear also, that the Danes have renewed their old quarrell with Bengall, so that whether so many of us breaking out with them at once (and every one upon account of their distinct interests) may be better or worse for us, we leave to your Honour Judge, but we hope it may not be the worse, there being places enough (by so many inlets into their country) for each of us to revenge ourselves upon and fortify, as we believe the Dutch intend whenever they begin to quarrell.

The French (having as yet no ground of quarrell) are endeavouring to have a settlement in Bengall, but whether the disturbances that ourselves and the Dutch are like to give them there, may impede the aforesaid proceedings of the French, or give them an opportunity to obtain the better terms, we know not, but time shew it, and we can say no more to this affair, till we hear from the Bay again. So subscribe ourselves

HONORABLE SIRS,

Your Honors' most obedient and faithfull Servants,

WILLIAM GYFFORD.

ELIHU YALE.

THOMAS LUCAS.

Coppy of these Consultations, etc. sent with the proceeding Generall by the *Kempthorne*

Fort Saint George, 23rd October 1686.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY SIR JOHN CHILD, BARON, Generall and President of Surat, &c.

We having sent the Madras Frigatt (as in our Generall to your Excellency and Councill is advised) with Mr. Thomas Yale, &c. upon her to your Coast to receive and dispose of the freight goods upon her, to prosecute the Right Hon'ble Company's orders (in case there be occasion) against the Surat Ships *Bengallers* and *Siamme*, we desire your Excellency to give orders to all places on said Coast where our people are to be assistant to him in that, as well as in the disposall of the cargo if there be occasion, as also for the procury of grain and arrac, for the Right Hon'ble Company's returnes, which is our chief design, we being in great necessity thereof for the garrison, and if your interest could furnish us with rice, it would bee a most acceptable kindnesse and yield great profitt, being under the miseries of a sore famine, throughout the country, hundreds starving each day.

We are,

Your Excellency's affectionate friends and very humble servants,

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THOMAS LUCAS.

November, Monday 22nd.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present:

WILLIAM GYFFORD, ESQ., *President and Governor.*
MR. ELIHU YALE.
THOMAS LUCAS.

Ordered, that the Generall from the Hon'ble Committee of Secrecy dated the 14th January 1685-86 and the *Beaufort,* directed to us, and our consultations and letters to Right Hon'ble Company Bengall Surat &c., relating to the Bengall Expedition be now communicated to the Councill and bee entered in the public Registers, there being no occasion for further privacy.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
ELIHU YALE.
THOMAS LUCAS.

G I C. P. O.—No. 144 F. D.—29-6-91—500.

Hughly, 10th November 1687.

To the HONORABLE WORSHIPFUL WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQre Agent and Govenour of Fort St. George and Councill.

No relation of any new occurrences from ye Bay.

Our last to you was dated ye 31st of August which we hope came in due time to your hands, we shall not now fall upon any new matter in giving you a relation of occurrences since that time, referring to our later advices this year hence when you shall have ye summe of what necessary to be communicated to you in the Company's affairs of these parts.

The Ship *Golden Fleece* dispeeded from ye Bay to Madapollam with 5,000 bags of saltpetre.

We have now according to ye Honorable Companys and your orders despeeded the ship *Golden fleece* to Madapollam with a cargoe of 5000 bags of Saltpetre amt as per Invoice to Rupees, and have written to the Chief and Councill there that if they shall think good, they dispeed away all our Generals papers unto you by land, the bill of lading with the Invoice comes inclosed and both accompanied by one pair of our books of Accounts, Letter, Yall which we hope will come safe to your hands.

Why ye Ship *Golden Fleece* was laded with saltpetre only ?

We laded only Saltpetre on ye *Golden fleece* because we are to send ye ship *Ann* to rights home, and therefore have kept both ships proportion of piece goods for ye Peter and as you putt the larger quantity of Saltpeter on ye former we wish her safe up unto you and subscribe.

Your humble Servants,

MATT. VINCENT.

EDWd LITTLETON.

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To the HON'BLE WORSHIPFUL WILLIAM GYFFORD, ESQre Agent and Govenour Fort St. George and Councill.

148. I have thus long deferred writing to give your Worship a prospect of our affairs that from thence you might take some measures of the success, but first to satisfy your expectations, in a short account of our journey which we have prosecuted with all possible expedition and made such necessary observations therein, as so hasty a proceeding could admit of advantage, for the particulars pleased to be referred to my diary, which though less then I desired yet are to tedious for this opportunity; After parting with your Worshipful I wrote little of importance till our arrival the 16th at Codelem where we were courteously treated by ye Aveldar and Merchants who that night brought the musters of their several sorts of cloth, which next day I examined and treated about their prices, and after a long debate till about 7 o'clock at night I could bring them to no longer terms than ye enclosed list, after which enquiring what quantities of those goods they had ready, they told me very little, but that in 30 days time, they would provide to ye amount of 10000 Rupees or ——(destroyed) for the following year for ——(destroyed) 60000 Pags: which I declined for they ——(destroyed) First because we and our customes were yet unsettled on which occasion the Subadar might have taken advantage by forcing us to pay the customes of the place which is here at least 3 per cent, and 7 at Porto Novo, and so made that a President for our future trade which would have been a great charge and difficulty ever to have reduced.

Next I considered the goods provided (now at their time) would come too late for this years shipps and to of little advantage to the Honorable Company and would be the same thing two or three months hence for next shipps. Lastly I judged them to dear, according to this Country rates, tho as they are above

10 per cent. cheaper y^n y^e goods of our parts, considering their breaths and substance, I likewise found some of the leading Merchants where so nearly related to ours of Madras to be easily brought to better terms, besides their Native principles of imposing upon strangers, which I think will be better reduct by a sedate, deliberate contract which is more agreeable to their tempers then a sudden Iternerary bargain, which mine must necessary be in a journey so long with such diversity of business and variety of places under such ill circumstances and limit of time and Season. If y^e Honorable Company must have an account of my proceeding this year these conclusions made me disist from any further treaty with them only to find fault with the higher prices of their goods, on which I dismist them to better considerations taking with me some of their musters at the aforementioned rates which I now send for your perusal which I told them should be no rule for a future contract, they parted not well pleased yet next morning they returned again but with the same terms and effect. Our Brameny here received a letter from Gopall Pundit in Celamberam about nine miles off desiring us to stay there, and him to come thither which I consented to, ordering to tell him with what troubles and charge we were come to pay him your respects, and thanks' for his kindness in our business with my desire to hasten its settlement on as good terms and as soon as possible which when well effected we should not be unmindful of him; I also cautioned the Brahmeny from indulging his avaricious hopes in those extravagant demands he made to him; and most certainly either through his fear, folly or fraud, he has very illy managed our business by giving them hopes of great purchases and shares in our trade, which since it cannot be allowed of, will strangely disappoint them and I doubt our business too with my desire; this I hear has been his practice and am too against to believe it, since I observed his letter ———(destroyed) to part with money, then procure priviledges ——— (destroyed) indeed he understands so very little of our interest and trade that he cannot plead well the advantages of our settlement and priviledges we have in other parts, besides in my opinion the business on at first begun at the wrong end, and since we must come up to y^e head (the nearest way is best) whose authority commands all downwards, but since the business has run so long this way and is now absolutely necessary to continue it, otherwise they will swell to our prejudice, and 'tis certain they are more capable of obstructing our business than furthering it just now. After two days absence our Brameny came from Gopall Pundit with a tedious frivilous story of kindness and welcome, but makes an ill conclusion that he cannot treat with me nor ask in our business till I give him a promise of 5000 Pagodas, he having long since given the greatest part of it to Harje Raja and his wife &c. and this he speaks to be his positive and final resolution, and that he swore by his head the Dutch paid him 16000 Pagodas, and that if I liked not his propositions, I am at liberty to goe. The truth is it puts me to a strange dilema. If I proceed to the great Subidar without his Company recom ——— (destroyed) he will certainly impede our buisness and discredit or affront us, and to comply I will not with such unreasonable high demands. However, to amuse him and try his resolutions I ordered the drum to beat, and our people to be in readiness to-morrow morning to go towards Harje Raja, tho I intended to stay a day or two to be if he will accommodate the business to reason, but if not I am resolved to Harje Raja and there plead the advantages we shall bring to the Dewan and possess him with the best opinion of us. I can for I am loath to return with y^e labour in vain to my motto, considering the people I have to deal with have little faith or honesty and their employments are to uncertaine, they study nor interest but their own (The Dutch are very mischievous in this business and obstruct our settlement with all the prejudice they can); but whatever the success shall be Your Worshipful may be assured of my most faithful endeavours and that I ask your instructions to the best of my judgment for the advantage and honour of my Honorable Masters and your credit, and that I am in all things as frugal as y^e good of their affair will permit which I believe is y^e utmost they or you desire.

I must entreating you recommending me to y^e Honorable Company and to give them my most humble acknowledgment for their particular favour to me ———(destroyed) by serving them with y^e most diligent fidelity I am capable of.

M^r^ Gyfford and M^r^ Dutton &c. are all well and deport themselves with great prudence and credit, which please to do them right to the Honorable Company. I wish you had given me commission to treat with Czeeogee Naigen of Jangoa about settlement at least, Prunolavas about 12 miles from hence reported to be a civill people, a good Town and river, and affoards a great store of coarse cloth. I am in great want of y^e^ Mouratt Bramony who was unfortunate being left behind.

This with my prayers for Prosperity on your person and Concerns. I humbly remain—

Your most faithful and
Obedient Servant,
(Sd.) E. Y.

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12. Wee can give you no particular direction concerning this ship, not knowing what occasion you may have of her and of so discreet a Commander, in Bengall, or somewhere upon y^e^ West Coast, but if you send her thither, wee would have you continue it so, that the stay not above two months upon the Coast, and there be not great need for her going thither or to Bengall, or to the other pepper place, our Secret Committee formerly advised you of, wee had rather, if you can, that you should procure her such a freight from Metchlepatam as the *Syam Merchant* had for Persia, where Captain Warner was the last Voyage, and we believe will be accepted of by Armenians or Persians which knew him formerly.

Noe certain directions concerning Capt^n^ Warner but left to y^e^ President and Councill who if they send him to y^e^ West Coast or y^e^ other pepper place advised of by the Secret Committee are not to detain him about 2 months on y^t^ Coast, but had rather shee should take in a freight at Metchlepatam for Persia he being acquainted there, few goods save pepper and Bengall goods to be sent home by y^t^ shipping and if possible to encourage y^e^ Bay Manufactory at Madras.

You will see by the list now sent you that wee desire few goods home, except pepper and Bay goods our principall dependence for the loading of our ships being upon pepper, but it will be of mighty advantage to that City of Madras if you can introduce the making of Bay Manufactures there, which seem not impossible to us, since they are as good spinners and Weavers on the Coast of Choromandel, as most in the Bay of Bengall.

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We shall be exceedingly glad to hear you have obtained a fortified settlement in Bengall, which, if it please God to grant us, we would have you cultivate with all the vigour and strength you can, that we may be well fixed and sorted in a good posture of defence, before the Dutch can form any designes to divide us out, which may be a means to prevent any attempt from them, as well as to secure our interest, if they should attempt to disturb us under any colour or pretence, which they seldom want mention for when they have a mind to injure their neighbours in India.

A fortified Settlement in Bengall would be very acceptable y^e^ Right Honorable Company.

23. You will observe what we have with concerning M^r^ Griffiths in our enclosed Generall letter to Bengall, which we send you open, and you must take notice, that he is no more our Servant nor upon our charge after the first arrivall of these letters in Bengall, nor untill you shall reassume him into our Service to send him a Chief unto some new Pepper Factory, if you find him capable, and shall really think it for our service to reimploy him after he had commenced such a new faction in Bengall, (where we are resolved to root out all the seeds of factions, and suffer no person to to continue in our service, that begins any for the future) which we must leave to your conscience and discretion.

M^r^ Griffiths noe more y^e^ Company's Servant or at their charge after y^e^ arrivall of those letters at Bengall but te send him if capable Chief to joine Pepper Factory.

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London, 7^th^ January 1686.

OUR AGENT AND COUNCIL IN BENGAL—

Not knowing what circumstances you may be under when this ship arrives, we have made no direct provision for your place, but have left to our President and Councill of Fort St. George to send you down what strength, and what stock they think you may have occasion of, it being our great endeavour for the honour of our King and for the good of our common country and posterity, to secure to our successors as well as to ourselves a strong fortified settlement in Bengall, in the procuring and establishing whereof, we hope yourselves and others in trust in that great nationall affair will exert your utmost courage and diligence, and that our President and Council of Fort St. George will not fail to supply you reasonably with whatever shall be necessary for the carrying on and securing that important business.

We retaine so gratefull a memory of our deceased good servant, M^r^ Beard's fidelity that we do hereby order his son to be made one of such of our Council in Bengall as you shall think him capable of, and which may be most for our honest advantage. Wee would have you likewise prefer Mr Gyfford ye first opportunity you have, wee being assured he is a very capable person and truly faithfull to our interest.

Wee observe likewise Mr Samuel Griffith is a contentious man, and hath struck up a great opposition against his Chief Mr Ellis and Alr Ley (both whom we know to be true to our interest) and he the said Mr Griffith hath crossly drawn Mr Trenchfield into confideracy with him, which Mr Trenchfield is a man we have a good thought of, and therefore to suppress all factions in the budd which wee will never more indure in the Bay, wee do hereby totally dismiss Mr Griffith from our Service and from having anything more to do with any of our affairs in Bengall, but wee give him leave to goe up to the Fort to reside there as a free Merchant, except our President and Council shall think fitt when he is there to take him again into our service and make him a Chief of some new factories in the South Seas, or near the place where he hath been formerly imployed, it being our opinion that his temper is such that he may do us better service in some suborninate Chiefship then in being one of any of out Councill under another Chief, and you are to take notice that Mr Griffith is dismissed as aforesaid upon first arrival of these letters to your hands.

Upon this his dismission wee appoint Mr Richard Trenchfield to be third of our Councill of Bengall in his stead, and do hereby enjoyne him att all times hereafter to preserve and maintain a constant amity and perfect good understanding with Mr Charnock, Mr Ellis and Mr Ley, and that he do totally break off all manner of correspondency with Mr Littleton and all other disobliged persons turned out of our service for their infidelity.

Mr Charles Cross having served nine years as a writer wee would have you admit him to be a factor taking such security as he is able to give you there.

Our Accompatant Generall upon perusal of ye Bay accompt find that M Edmond Bugden deceased is indebted to us above £500, wee therefore recommend it to your care to secure the same or what can be gotten there of out of such estate as he hath left behind him, soe recommending your and our affairs to the guidance and Blessing of Almighty, we remain—

Your loving friends,

JOSUA CHILD, *Govenour.*

BENJAMIN BATHURST, *Depy.*

JOHN MOORE.

RICHARD HUTCHINSON.

ROBERT HERNE.

GEORGE BOONE.

EDWARD DEBOVERE.

JOHN CREED.

WORCHESTER.

NAT. MONTENCY.

NATHANIEL TENCHE.

JAMES WARD.

THOMAS COOK.

THEO: LAWLINSON.

Mr Cross's friends have given additional security of £1,000, let him leave ye indenture and bond herewith you and return ye same by settlement.

London. y 23rd March 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE—

Since writing the foregoing of ye 22d Instant, we have given licence to Mr Francis Gosfright to ship on board ye *Resolution* for his own Account 2 chest of Rice o duty Corrall he paying us here 12 per cent. upon its tone value and 5 per cent. custome to you there, and you are to take notice that for ye future 5 per cent. Custome is to be paid you as well for all goods and Merchandizes that shall be permitted by us to be sent on any of our shipping for your Presidency upon their lading with you, as well as for Wines and other liqueres, all other goods whatsoever imported at our City of Madrass which is to be observed as a general rule.

We understand that our Dyer in ye Bay are a very great charge to us and of little use, wee would therefore have you advise our Agent and Councill. that they send them all home except one, whom they find to be most serviceable, or at least to dismiss them out of our service or permit them to go to the Fort to remain there as free Traders if they think fit, but however to dismiss them presently from our charge and service, having found them to be but a sort of lazy bungling workemen, which do not earn their Victualls.

In stating ye account with ye owners of ye *Resolution* for her last voyage, wee have debited them three hundred and twenty-five pounds being for 1000 and that we are informed Captain Payne late Commander of that ship received from you, though there appears no receipt for the same, nor any advice from you of giving him that supply, only Captain Heath informed us thereof. Wee desire therefore you will examine the truth of it and advise us thereof by the next, for if he were not furnished therewith by you, the owners are to be repaid it herewith interest of five per cent. from this day.

and 1000 to Captn Payne.

Wee remain,

Your loving friends,

JOSUA CHILD, *Govenour.*

BENJAMIN BATHURST, *Depy.*

GEORGE BOONE.

JOHN MOORE.

NATHA MOUNTENCY.

WILLIAM JARRETT.

JEREMY SAMBROOKE.

THOMAS RATINSON.

ROBERT MARSHALL.

RICHARD STERNE.

JAMES WARD.

ROBERT KNIGHTLEY.

Extract from the Honorable Company's letter to the General and Councill, dated Lon March 1686-7.

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Wee are so well satisfied of the sincerity and ability of our present Generall Sir John Child whom wee have ordered (when he sees it most convenient for our service) to go to Fort St George to inspect and settle our affairs and Government there, that wee doe hereby confer upon him singly in his own person, with or without the consent of our respective Councills of Bombay or Surratt, to settle our said Councills of Bay and Surratt, and all subordinate factorys to our late Generall and Councill of Surratt in Persia, or upon the Coast of Malabar in such manner and form as he shall think most available for our Service, and to place and displace advance, or depress any of our Councellors or Servants at his own discretion, and as he shall think may tend most to the quiet and well management of our affairs during his absence at Fort St George; and his absolute power we do confer upon him personally to be exercised and enjoyned and to be obeyed. and amented to by any persons in our service for the space of 3 months, from and after the arrival of these our letters to your hands and no longer, it being our Resolution that all merchantile affairs and the management of our business shall run in its usual channel after the expiration of the 3 months aforesaid, this being only a temporary expediant, to settle all things perfectly well and to our good General's satisfaction before he leaves the Northern parts of India, for which we could cite antient examples of arts, which usually ended in good success, as we hope this will do.

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London, the 8th April 1687.

OUR AGENT AND COUNCILL OF HUGLEY,

With this you have a copy of our last of 7th January sent you on ye ship *Williamson* and ye *Persian Merchant* being not yet arrived, we remain without any account of ye estate of our factory with you, and so have not made any particular provisions of moneys for your Agency out of this ship's cargo but have left it to the discretion of our President and Councill of the Fort to accommodate you in all respects as shall be needfull.

The 7th Instant ye Interloper *Andaluzia* and her cargoe were condemned in the admiralty concert ½ to ye use of his Majesty and ye other ½ to ye Company, and ye ship and goods are now in our possession and ye Marshall of ye Admiralty coming about from Portsmouth. When she arrives wee shall take her cargoe into our Warehouses, and make sale thereof at our candle, but with the abundance of charge and great solicitations and partly with our own consent, ye Proprietors have obtained a promise from us under ye hand of our Govenour and Deputy Govenour with his Majesties approbation yt 4-5 of ye proceed of ye cargoe shall be accompted to ye proprietors, but their trouble and 5 months charge hath been such an excessive expence to ym yt you need not fear of hearing of any more English Interlopers in India during this generation.

The proprietors in Captain Beer and Goodlad make us ye same overture of agreement before their Interloping ships arrive, but we shall not accept of yt.

A list of ye *Andaluzias* Cargoe you have enclosed.

Wee would have you by every shipping send us a list of all our Servants, Soldiers and factors, under your Agency with an account of such as to decease and y^e^ Day of their death, so commending you and our affairs to y^e^ guidance and y^e^ protection of y^e^ Almighty. We remain—

Your loving friends,

JOSUA CHILD, *Govenour.*

RICHARD STERNE.

GEORGE BOON.

ROBERT MARSHALL.

NATHAN MOUNTENCY.

JOHN MOORE.

JOSEPH CREED.

JEREMY SAMBROOK.

THOMAS COOK.

EDWARD deBOUVERIE.

WILLIAM SEDGWICK.

NATHANIEL TENCHE.

London, 12th December 1687.

Our Agent and Councill in Bengall—

When we perused your Hughly letter commencing September 1685, & concluding 30th November 1686, wherein we observe the manifold unsupportable and hainous abuses offered to you by y^e^ Natives of Bengall, to y^e^ robbing us of almost half our stock, it provokes us as well to indignation as to admiration at your insensible patience, y^t^ you should let them pass with so easy a correction after you had them at your mercy in Hughley and much more y^t^ you should be yourselves or suppose us to be such weak and unthinking men as to venture our Estates again in y^e^ hands of such slave and capacious villians without a strong Fort at hand to revenge y^e^ injuries they may hereafter doe us, which we are so far from ever intending, y^t^ we are peremptorily resolved never to send any of our Estates again into Bengall, until we know you are well settled and fortified in some strong place of our own with an English Garrison; and it is for that purpose principally y^t^ we have been and are at so vast a charge in sending out so many strong ships last year and so many Soldiers as we have sent this last and this present year, tho' we are not without great fear y^t^ your own backwardness and hankering after your profitable easy old habitation as y^e^ Israelites did after y^e^ Onyens and Garlicke of Egypt, may deprive us of y^e^ fruit of all our cost.

Per the *James.*

Neglect making us of our advantage had in Hughley.

Noe secure settlement with a fort.

We shall be glad to hear better news, but if we do not we shall reinforce our former design of obtaining some fortified settlement in Bengall, and therefore you were best keep yourselves in a ready posture for departure upon very short warning, because if you have failed in y^e^ last wee shall never leave it at your choice again, whether or how far y^e^ war shall be prosecuted, nor at what time or where it shall begin, tho' we shall take y^e^ best care we can for your satisfaction if you keep yourselves in such a posture of removal, y^t^ you

To be always ready to depart.

may obey our summons in repairing on board our ships in as short a time as y^e circumstances of our affairs will then permit us to give you.

Permission to send home Bengall goods.

Y^e conditions.

In y^e meantime y^t there may be no want of Bengall goods in England, especially of those sorts whereof we have fewest at this time, Wee have given permission to all our Servants and all our free men, English, Jewes and other foreigners and Natives to send home upon our own ships consigned to y^e Company any sort of Bengall good mentioned, in y^e list of Bengall goods sent to y^e Fort and to you by y^e *Princess of Denmark*, the owners of y^e said Bengall goods being to pay only single freight and to send their goods upon y^e Company's great ships consigned as aforesaid to y^e Company on y^e following terms, vizt., 12 per cent. permission, 3½ per cent. towards y^e Companys charge and demerage, 2½ per cent. for provision of sales in England. The said goods so arriving to be sold by y^e candle at y^e Company's next generall sale, after y^e arrival of any ships and y^e nett proceed to be paid to y^e Proprietors assigne in London.

Assurance Office.

Noe Pollicy but the Companys valid.

We have likewise for y^e ease and encouragement of any such adventures in this permitted trade, erected an office of assurance at Fort St. George, under y^e management of our President and Councill, wherein any that desire to assure their adventures may have them assured by our said President and Councill from India to England upon y^e Company's great ships (not being free ships) paying into y^e hands of y^e Register of our Insurance Office 4 or 5 per cent Premium from India to England as our President so shall agree, and y^e usual fees for assurances paid here, viz., one rupee for y^e pollicy and one rupee per cent. for registering; and in case of a loss (which God forbid) y^e Company will pay y^e same punctually here, to the assigne of y^e respective adventures, without abatement, or at Fort St. George, at y^e election of y^e respective adventures, and if any responsible persons at Fort St. George will assure any adventurer at a cheaper rate then y^e Company shall direct their President and Councill to assure at, it shall be lawfull for them so to doe, paying y^e fees for a printed Policy as aforesaid and y^e duty of registering, wch fees of Policy and registering y^e Company's reserve to their own use, and declare y^t no Policy of Insurance shall be good or valid in y^e law at Fort St. George y^t is not soe obtained from y^e Companys Register, and registered in y^e Company's Office of Assurance as aforesaid with y^e Register's hand thereunto.

3000 Rupees the Interest ours charged.

We look upon y^e 3000 rupees taken up at Ballasore 1½ less per mensem to be a down right cheat put upon us, practised by some of our own servants in a wrong name after y^e old manner of Bengall, and therefore you did very well to allow but one per cent. per mensem for that money, and we hereby order and enjoyn you never hereafter upon any pretence or necessity whatsoever to allow above one per cent. per mensem.

Bad debst at Dacca duly charged by M^r Harvey.

You did exceeding well in charging those bad debts at Dacca which were occasioned by M^r Harvey's gaining to his account, and if you doe justly discharge your duties we suppose you will find more of that kind both at Dacca and Maulda, he being a man y^t did exceedingly abuse y^t trust and confidence we reposed in him, wch confidence of ours in him was singly grounded upon his constant adherence to M^r Charnock, which we always found to be y^e honester side of those old factions in Bengall, and we will hope y^t we shall find him yet so honest y^t he will not fail to discharge his trust faithfully concerning any abuses he knows done us either by M^r Harvey or his successor M^r Pounset, or any other.

M^r Read Administrater to M^r Harvey.

M^r Reade as administrater in trust for his grandson heir to said M^r Samuel Harvey deceased. has made demands upon us for 72000 rupees which he says M^r Harvey lent us in Maulda and is entered in those books on y^e credit of Rajah Kaur, and more 18600 rupees which you mention in your diary he lent us at Cassimbuzar in y^e name of Harvy Kissia Ketna with interest due thereupon at 1 per cent. per mensem but upon y^{e} former sum of 72000 rupees M^{r} Harvy charges $1\frac{1}{4}$ per mensem for interest which $\frac{1}{4}$ is an extravagant charge and we will not allow it, it appearing to be his own money, but y^{e} two principal sums aforesaid, adding only interest of one per cent. per mensem unto the day of M^{r} Harvey's death and no longer you may carry to y^{e} credit of M^{r} Read's account bringing y^{e} same into our Cash, and balance y^{e} account of M^{r} Harvey deceased by making y^{e} deceased's account debit for so much as you shall credit M^{r} Read by virtue of this order and M^{r} Reids yours of admission; M^{r} Read being very desirous while his grandson lives fully to administrater of y^{e} goods and Chattels of his deceased son-in-law, lest if his grandson should die he be deprived of y^{e} benefit of his administration for so much of M^{r} Harvey's Estate as shall not then fully be administered of, which would be such an injury to M^{r} Read as we desire not to be y^{e} causers of, but on y^{e} other hand to do full right to y^{e} Company before you balance M^{r} Harvey's account by M^{r} Reads, you must take M^{r} Harvey's account debit for whatever you find due to us from his Estate upon any account what so ever, because it would be too late to seek our remedy for any injury Mr. Harvey had done us, after we have carried, his balance to M^{r} Read's credit.

1000^{lb} stopt in England.

for account of his Children.

We have already detained in our hands of M^{r} Harvey's money, one thousand pounds to secure us ag^{t} any demands which may be made upon you by y^{e} Mother of M^{r} Harvey's two natural children, who M^{r} Read says, you advise him, were sent to Fort St. George and y^{t} y^{e} Mother being a Portuguese M^{rs}—no trouble or damage can come upon you or us upon y^{t} account concerning which advise us truly and fully by our next ships.

Time of permission of sending home Bengall goods.

This indulgence which we have granted for Bengall goods to be sent home upon our own ships, we have at y^{e} instance of y^{e} adventurers here declared it shall continue during y^{e} whole time of y^{e} War with y^{e} Mogul and six months after a peace shall be concluded with y^{e} Mogul and his Subjects, and if y^{e} peace be already made, or shall be made before y^{e} arrival of these ships, y^{e} indulgence shall notwithstanding continue for six months after y^{e} arrival of this ship, to y^{e} intent y^{t} no private Merchants here who send out money purposely to be imployed in Bengall goods should be disappointed of y^{e} investment of their money in those commodities in case an unexpected sudden peace should be made with y^{e} Mogul.

Surprize Decca.

You must seriously consider and say to heart y^{e} Company's excessive charge for y^{e} honor of our King and Country and make all y^{e} possible reprizals you can on y^{e} Enemy for our reimbursement and y^{e} maintenance of our Forces; y^{e} likeliest place for y^{e} doing whereof effectually we think is y^{e} surprize of Decca itself, if you can contrive such a design with such secresy, y^{t} y^{e} Nabob have no fore knowledge of your purpose.

Where ever you are settled, chalenge a large circuit of ground adjacent to y^{e} place for our own inheritance by right of conquest as we formerly wrote you, because if ever we can arrive at such a fortified town in Bengall, as we have at y^{e} Fort, we doubt not but if we can defend it four or 5 years our trade and y^{e} resort of our own and free ships thither will soon encrease it to a magnificent City, such as Madrass is, which will put a value upon all y^{e} land within ten miles of it for plantations tillage gardens retirements, and when ever you make peace you must condition y^{t} y^{e} inheritant and Sovereignty of such a circuit of ground shall remain to us and our successors for ever, and y^{t} all y^{e} money coined within our own dominion being of equal weight and fineness with y^{e} Moguls money shall be current in all y^{e} Moguls country, at least for what goods and provisions ourselves shall buy in his Country.

Raise Revenues.

Begin to raise revenue for y^{e} Company at first y^{e} same in all respective as are paid y^{e} Company at Fort St. George, and if you can think of any other easy ways of encreasing our revenue, we shall esteem it acceptable service. A good Revenue constantly coming in being the only foundation of power.

List of Bengal goods.

Sticklack in request.

We send you herewith another copy of our Bengal list, unto with yourselves for y^e Company and our servants and all other private Merchants for themselves are strictly to be confined; we having of Saltpetre and all other sorts of Bengal goods (not named in y^e list) enough by us for some years, but your pure transparent Bengal Shellack and Pegu black sticklack are commodities in very good request of both which send us what you can procure by means of y^e Dutch, French, Portuguese, Moores, Gentues, Armenians, or other particular friends and acquaintance of your own which are at peace with y^e Mogul's subjects of whom you may make use while our War continues, or buy of them at second hand such goods as they have or shall provide for themselves, allowing them some moderate profit for their serviceableness, but trust not our money beforehand to any of them, because we had rather pay a littte dearer for commodities so procured while y^e War continues than run y^e hazard of making a new sort of bad debts.

French, Dutch or others permitted to send home goods.

And if y^e French, Dutch or any other rich men in Bengal have a desire to participate of y^e indulgence we have now granted for y^e bringing home of Bengal goods upon our own shipping, you may allow them leave so to doe, upon y^e same terms we have granted to our own servants and free men, and they shall find y^e same just dealing and performance from us here, of which you may give them assurance.

We are without any advise from India since y^e arrival of y^e *Josia*, but in daily expectation of abundance of news from all places, which we hope to have before y^e departure of y^e *New Defence*, Captain Heath, and then you may expect to hear more largely from.

Extract from the Honorable Company's letter to the President and Councill, dated London, the 25th January 1687-8.

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In relation to the affirs in Bengall.

an entire reliance on Captain Heath's Conduct.

For want of advice from you we are at a very great loss to know what orders to give you or Captain Heath with relation to our affaires in the Bay, but in regard our Chief and Councill there made such shameful delayes in the former expedition to our excessive charge, and as we fear to the disappointment of the main design, we are resolved not to trust them in this, but to rely entirely on Captain Heath's Conduct.

probable conclusion.

Being in y^e dark we can but guess at things, but to reduce our guesses to a probability we conclude our people have made a Peace, or they have not, if they have made a Peace that will *not* answer all the ends we proposed to ourselves, as well for the trade as for building Docks and other conveniencies for repaires of our bigest Ships, it is to us as if they had made no peace at all, and we have already given them warning sufficient, to be at all times in a preparation to come on board our ships in three days time, being fully resolved not to loose another charge in waiting for them; and therefore our positive Order is, that in case our Servants in the Bay have not already fortified themselves in some considerable place, that you conceive may in effect answer all our ends as well as Chittegam would have done, in such case we say get out Captain Heath's goods and the *Dorothy's* and send them immediately down to the Bay with what Sloops and Souldiers you think convenient by Sea and Land for this expedition making Captain Heath Commander-in-Chief and send him immediately to to take Chittegam, which possibly he may surprize with a very small force, coming upon the place when they will not expect him, appoint what Officers you think fit to be of his Council, and send down with him two or three of your Country ships, which may be bound to Bengall upon their own occasions, and you may engage for a small matter to go up with Captain Heath to make the better appearance of power as far as Chittegam, and if it be Captain Heath's fortune coming upon Chittegam so unexpectedly to surprize that place, he may afterwards send to Mr Charnock to send a Govenour and Councill to manage the Company's business there with what Souldiers he can spare from the place of his first settlement.

In case Captain Heath surprize and get Chittegam.

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To

THE HONOBLE. ELIHU YALE, ESQR.,
Govr. of Fort St. George and the Citty of Madrass
and Prescd. for Affairs of the Rt. Honoble. East
India Compa. trading on the Coast of
Chormandell Bay of Bengall South
Seas, &c., Council

HONOBLE. SIR, &C.,

Our last to your Hon^{r} &c., was on the 5th January, ꝑ the "*Rochestor*," Capt. John Bromwell, Commander, who parted from hence—abusive manner dispising all Government—some of our men contrary to the articles—charter party—particularly a piper w$^{ch.}$ he denyed to diliver upon our possitive order for that end severall prize goods and other plunder according to the enclosed attestation. Among other things there is a petterra of papers taken out of the Phousader's ship w$^{ch.}$ are of great consequence to the owners, he has carryed away unknown to us by w$^{ch.}$ we are like to suffer; if our R$^{t.}$ Hono$^{ble.}$ Masters will suffer these things to pass unpunished there is no tradeing here for there hono$^{rs.}$ nor living for their serv$^{ts.}$

Capt. John Consett Command^{r} of the "*Berkley Caslle*" was dispatched also from hence for Surratt on the 17th of Jan$^{y.}$, who was nothing less refactory than the former, and very abusive much in the same sence, as particularly in the latter end of the last years diary; and this protest enclosed, to w$^{ch.}$ we desire your Hono$^{rs.}$, &c., will be pleased to transmitt to England and to his Excellency at Surratt (if convience offers), that he may be as well known there as here. We refer your Hono$^{rs.}$, &c., to the enclosed protest and attestation about the particulars.

The "*Nathaniell,*" Capt. Tho. March, Commander, had alsoe sailed ere now for Persia, were not great part of the Sugers provided for that voyage stopt at Cossumbazar upon the acco$^{t.}$ of custome, *vizt.*, 3,500 bales notwithstanding our late articles of peace agreed upon, so that through that disappointm$^{t.}$ we are forced to supply y$^{t.}$ defect with rice and ginger rather then she should stay, haveing but 2,700 bales on board her for the R$^{t.}$ Hono$^{ble.}$ Comp$^{as.}$ acco$^{t.}$, and partly lett out to frieght, and accordingly she is fallen down the river in persuance of said voyage but in a most deplorable condition nott haveing 20 English on board her well, all the rest lascars.

The uncertainty of our affairs at pres$^{t.}$ is the only reason why we could make no considerable investm$^{t.}$, for we neither dare trust ye Mores—us so, what is gott is brought in hand by stealth—to a small matter. And we here send you on the *Saphire* being......bales amounts to as per invoice soe that we believe we must be necessitated to return your Honor., &c., great part of the treasure on the *Resolution*, by some of the latter ships from hence w$^{ch.}$ we believe may be ye *W^{m} Son*, w$^{ch.}$ we design for the ffort laden with rice upon the acco$^{t.}$ of a flying rumer here of the Mogulls being sett down before that place with 9,000 horse a report raised by the Dutch, w$^{ch.}$ gives us the rather not to believe itt; but for that reason, we have diverted the *Recovery* from her intended voyage for Atcheen w$^{th.}$ rice, and she will sail from hence to yo$^{r.}$ Hon$^{r.}$, &c., in two or three dayes more, so that though the R$^{t.}$ Hono$^{ble.}$ Comp$^{a.}$ have recommended to us the settling of a factory in these parts w$^{ch.}$ we designe, yett for the above said reasons we think itt convenient to defer the same a little longr till we see how matters are like to stand in the Bay or rather refer that material to yo$^{r.}$ Hon$^{r.}$, &c., to doe therein as you think convenient. But if your Hono^{r} &c., have no occasion for said rice on the *Recovery*, y^{n} you may be pleased to send her onward on her voyage for Atcheen, where rice gives a considerable price, we are informed 2 bamboes a mace, but if otherwise Yo$^{r.}$ Hon$^{r.}$, &c., should have occasion for said rice at the ffort, we desire y^{n} you would return said ship together with the *Saphiee* frigatt by the very first conveniency they being the only two ships of any force or value now left us for our defence in the Bay in case we should be putt to itt; and as we have great occasion for ships' stores and necessaries for the repairs of those of these shipping by us we desire a supply acoording to the list, and that yo$^{r.}$ Hon$^{r.}$, &c., send us on the *Recovery* or *Saphar* a ffriggatt such planks and timbers as you can readily gett, ordering one or both of them to touch at Madapollam to that end.

Wee here—your Hon^{r}, &c., a little bag of gold amo$^{ts.}$ to Rs. being upon acco$^{t.}$ of in$^{t.}$ due to Mr. Richards' child—advised their due is only Rs. 1,228, the over plus being, Rs. 77-4 give us creditt for.

Wee are in great want for medicines and Chirurgeon or a Chirurgeon's mate tho. we rec$^{d.}$ a chest by the "*Resolution*", on the same was but a small one, and ill found and but bad medicines.

The circumstance of the Bay are much of one w$^{th.}$ w$^{t.}$ formerly advised of, to be feared they will be worse before they are better, and it behoves us to be upon our guard, otherwise we should have sent you all our souldiers (tho but a few) and ammunition for your supply; but they begin to be sever upon us, making severall demands on us, and requiring custome as above; we know not the event of things, upon the arrivall of the new Nabob of Decca much will be discovered, till w$^{ch.}$ we remaine under uncertaintys subscribing ourselves,

Hono$^{ble.}$ &c.,
Your most humble Servants,
JOB CHARNOCK.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
JEREMIAH PEACHY.
CHARLES EYRE.

P.S.—Since the writting hereof wee are advised that our Saggars at Cossumbazar are released, and we shall go neer to send them the intended voyage.

The book of the Court of Admiralty being so long ere 'twas delivered in by the Judge that there could not be made any examination into the matter by reason it was just in the juncture of business upon dispatch of the Europe ships for the Coast, which was urged to the Judge, Captain John Nicholson, but his reply was that all was delivered, whereupon wee said 'twould requisite it might be made appeare to prevent any further confusion in the business that there might be an exact and due correspondency between the prize goods and the Court Records, upon which the Judge seemed very much displeased saying that the goods were delivered into custody, and if imbesellm$^{ts.}$ had been made he could not prevent that, and so left the Councill and went on board, where he declared that unless wee would sign the book of admiralty he would not sign any diary or other papers relating, wherefore we at his goeing away were willing to signe said books, but no otherwise then that we approve of their Court proceedings, but utterly disowned to have received that prize goods—now find w$^{t.}$ we then said to be true that great quantities of them have been imbeselled and carryed away by some of the ships as ꝑticularly Capt. Bromwell and Captain Consett, according to an attestation and protest relating to it, both w$^{ch.}$ goes inclosed.

The wine sent us by the "*Beaufort*" and "*Wm. Son*" comes out short nere 30 bottles in a chest and yett the chests are full w$^{ch.}$ gives us to think some mistake may be committed in the invoice. The invoice of the gold comes here w$^{th.}$ as alsoe the "*Berkly Castle's*" invoice according to order. Idem

J. C.
F. E.
J. P.
C. E.

Dacca June, 22nd 1688.

TO THE R$^{T.}$ WORSP$^{LL.}$ JOB CHARNOCK, ESQ.,
Agent and Governor for Affaires of the Right Hon'ble English East India Compas. in the Bay of Bengall, &c., Councill.

SIRS,

Our last was the 18th currant, since w$^{ch.}$ we have applied ourselves Mellick Borcourdar concerning our Right Hon'ble Master's affaires, acquainting with the twelve articles agreed on by himself and Boremull, alsoe those of the Abdul Summeeds, w$^{ch.}$ he said ware invaled not being firmed, there ware only wrote on one side he had seen and read them at last after a tedious dispute he came to this conclusion as to the business of the custome upon condition you would consent to give Rs. 6,000 yearly Piscash whereas before you paid but Rs. 3,000. The Nabob will write to the King and indeavour to procure his phirmaund for the confirming the same, and in the interim will give us his perwanna to trade upon those terms untill the arrivall of the King's orders concerning of the removall of the Mint to Hugly. They can doe nothing in it without the King's order, which they much question notwithstanding the Nabob will write thereabouts.

They promise restitution of our good in cass$^{r.}$ and that the Nabob will assist us by asuring out his perwanna for the recovery of what debts are due to our R$^{t.}$ Hono$^{ble.}$ Masters from the weavers, &c., he will grant his perwanna alsoe for building at Calcutta w$^{th.}$ ground sufficient for a town or two as you desire.

Concerning the act of oblivion the Nabob will   on resorting his treasure
taken   making some satisfaction to the   13 ships   there alsoe the
by the   Caona   Mellick Borcourdar fully and Zainolande a large piscash to the King and to the Nabob, and upon these conditions he questions not but to procure an act of oblivion from the King. If your Worsp$^{ll.}$, &c., think it convenient to give order upon these tearmes Matt$^{s.}$ may be brought to an accommodation, otherwise we fear you will run the hazard of a secund quarrell, an answer to each ꝑticulars we have promised to procure in 15 or 20 days which we humbly crave you will be spedy in, we are.

R$^{t.}$ Worsp$^{ll.}$, &c., S$^{rs.}$,
Your most obed$^{t.}$ Ser$^{ts.}$,
CHARLES EYRE.
ROGER BEADDYLL.

P.S.—If you are satisfied to tell the cause of our distempers remaine and content wth what trade offers under the command of your Gunns until time hath worne it out or present some fair opertunity for obtaining the act of oblivion we believe notwithstanding all complaints its feasible to procure peaceable trade there with nor any large expence at least for this shipping if not for this subas time.

CHARLES EYRE.
ROGER BRADDYLL.

Mr. Charles Eyre &
Mr. Roger Braddyll.

Chutanuttee, 29th June 1688.

Our last to you was the 26th instant. Since rec$^{d.}$ yours of the 22nd Dto.

What Mellick saith concerning the invalidness of Abdul Summeed's agrement, because it wants a chaup, is but one of his shams. Were it eare soe firm they would find one way or other to contradict what they never had a designe to performe.

As to the phirmaund, custome free, we will give the Nabob an extraordinary present upon its arrivall provided he will alsoe gett an act of indemnity, and in the interim we are willing to pay Rs. 3,000 per annum piscash, and upon its arrivall shall augment it to six. We would have you make enquiry but lett it be with secrecy w$^{th.}$ the Nabob excepts that he may see what to depend upon.

——— the business of mint we——thought it could——wth out the King's order——if be procured——service.

———as to——R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} and things——Place to settle in we hope he will doe that upon the ordinary Piscash as used to be giving to Shactck Cawn.

As to what you write about the plaintiff's desiring satisfaction for their losses in the war, we are dispatching the sloop *Beaufort* to the ffort now w$^{th.}$ all expedition, we may expect an answer in two months when we shall see their orders concerning it, as alsoe have an account of their transactions at Court, they now being making applycation there, and designe if possible to effect our business too; if any great stir be made you must endeavour to wave it till we heare from thence by telling them that we can say nothing to it till we here from the Fort, acq$^{t.}$ them of our sending a sloop or by any other means you can.

Wee are very sory that the business is so wholy referred to Mellick, who is to cunning, to much acq$^{td.}$ w$^{th.}$ our affaires to doe any good for us, we had rather it had bin refered to a stranger, we are sencible he is a very ill man and one whome we believe formerly much incens'd Abdul Gunny against us, true he had policy to carry it off. We also know that he is no well wish$^{td.}$ to any Christians, and therefore we cannot expect any good from him, we thought that always such Matt$^{es.}$ had bin in the Duan's hands but 'tis our misfortune.

We admire Mellick Burcoordar and Mellick coussin should complain of their losses by the warr, when the former was a sufficient gainer by it, in plundering our people and the town, and the latter had long before fight at Ballasore secured all he had in the Dutch ffactory, the sole dammage he rec$^{d.}$ was the dafacing his house. We must tell you in the whole that it is a thing not to be thought to make sattisfaction for all damage sustained in the warr. They have bin unquestionably very great, which made us formerly so cautious to have that incerted in Abdul Summeed's Colenomma that we would deliver them soe far as they are to be found, which we have punctually complyed w$^{th.}$, and as to what is urged about the invalidness of the agreement they will asfore s$^{d.}$ make w^{t} th^{y}

pleace, but urge this that we are noe lawyers but——can they deny that to be——but they had plainly——they——denote——correspondence w$^{th.}$ the——loath to engage in.

We would desire as fair a correspondence w$^{th.}$ the Nabob as may be, for we are very loath to engage in a second quarrell till we heare from the ffort, and therefore do esteeme it the best way att ꝑcent is according to your postscript, y^{t} y^{e} endeaver to procure a ꝑwanna that we remaine here tradeing peaceably, to obtain w$^{ch.}$ wee think the accostomed present to be well given.

We thought when first we sent you up that the Nabob would have hearkened to our complaines and have redressed the injuries we suffered in Shasteh Cawn's time, for we had formerly his promise for it afore he left his Government; but we are sorry instead of that to find demands made on us. This is not conformable to the Nabob's ꝑwanna to the agent; and his promiss made our Vuckeel lately at Rajamaul that he would give us encouragement to stay by granting us our reasonable request.

Wee would have you press home for redress of our sufferings, wrongs, and oppressions, of the great demorage of our shipping w$^{ch.}$ the Nabob may do by writing to the King of all Shasteh Cawn's oppressions and ꝑticularly of his having plundred one of our ships and carried the goods away with him, all which we recommend to your care and conduct herein and remaine.

Your affec$^{te.}$ ffriends,
JOB CHARNOCK,
FRANCIS ELLIS,
RICHARD TRENCHFEILD,
JEREMIAH PEACHY.

Chutanuttee, The 27th June 1688.

To

THE HON'BLE ELIHU YALE, ESQ.,
Governor of Fort St. George, and the City of Madrass
and President for the Affairs of the
Rt. Hon'ble English East India Compas. over
the East Coast of Cormandall, Bay of Bengal,
and the South Seas, &c., Councill.

HON'BLE SIR, &c.,

Your Hono$^{rs.}$, &c., letter of the 25th April per the "*Phenix*" we received the 12th ultimo, to the which we shall briefly reply, being in dayly expectation of the ship "*Recovery*" when according to your honour, &c., intimation we shall expect larger advices.

Wee are in great hopes of obtaining Chutanuttee to settle in with three or four other adjacent townes which doubtless may be in some years so improved as to be very proffitable to the R$^{t.}$ Hono'$^{ble.}$ Comp$^{as.}$ and possibly may be gradually improved to a considerable strength; for when once we came to be settled throughly, the country people will flock to us to live under our Government the nature of which they are well acquainted with, and soe a vast disparity between the senity of ours and the tyrrany of their own, of the which we have a pregnant instance in their present flocking to us such abundance as they dayly do. Wee have been as carefull in providing such lodgings and conveniences for the R$^{t.}$ Hono'$^{ble.}$ Comp$^{as.}$ servants as our imergencies would ꝑmitt, but it could not be expected they should be extraordinary, when we ware continualy camping and discamping. They have such allowances as are necessary for the building themselves thatched houses for the present, till such time as we shall hear our R$^{t.}$ Hono'$^{ble.}$ Master's pleasure concerning buildings must be demolished, so that we retrench our expences as much as possible tho to the suffering some present inconveniences.

At present hear are no gunnies, &c., procurable; we shall endeaver at the season to gett as many as possible.

We admire Capt. Batten should be soe positive in a thing when the nature of it shows its falsity for (as we formerly adviced) the sword was Mr. Davenant's, and was to be brought to an outcry as all his other things were.

The ship "*Williamson*" was ready to fall down the river laden partly with rice, &c., provisions about the 20th March past, but the winds blowing southwardly so strong and he having lost two anchors, besides att that time we heard a Dutch ship was cast away goeing out, tho afterwards it proved to false; there was also then a ship belonging to us (bound for Atcheen) was lost goeing thro the new depths, and the ship Arrivall bound on the same voyage was forc'd to come back nor being able to prosceed and was cast away in the river. Capt. Asliby also requesting he might not prosceed upon w$^{ch.}$ sev$^{ll.}$—we ordered the ship up again where he was——?

The *Berkly Castle* got safe thro the new depths the 5th Feb. last and the "*Nathaniell*" the 10th March following, they ware soe long detained as formerly advised be the stoppage of ours sugas by the Governments.

We are very sencible w$^{t.}$ Dutch reports are, and not all credulous in that respect, haveing had experiences of their falsity, but what we heard of the famine was confirmed by soe many hands that we had no reason to doubt of it, for we are very sencible of the danger of varying from orders. We are exceeding glad the "*Recovery*' came at soe welcome a season.

The hopes your Hon$^{r.}$, &c. gives us of procuring a phirmaund is w$^{t.}$ we heartily wish may be done effectually, for we cannot expect to have a curr$^{t.}$ trade till we have one, and tiss no less our disere but that matters may come to an hono$^{ble.}$ and speedy conclusion at Surratt.

The new Nabob Bahawder Cawn is arrived and seated at his residency in Dacca. On the way he sent down a ꝑwanna to the Agent to send up an Englishman thither to treate with him, (we haveing formerly sent some Fuckeers to met him beyond Rajamaul), upon which we sent up Mr. Charles Eyre and Mr. Roger Braddyll. They are now lately arrived there, the first advices we had from them was yesterday, which was that they visited the Nabob and his muttsuddeis, as also the Kings. The Nabob was very civill to them; he hath refered our matters wholly to the management of Meillick Burcoordar formerly ffousdar of Hugly, but he looks very high, expecting an extraordinary present for the Nabob. The King's Duan still continues his accustomed ffriendship to us; but will not move for our being custome free, we rather believe that he will obstruct it. We shall in a few dayes see more plainly how matters are like to goe.

The 2,300 rupees of Dr. Bird's with its interest to 5th July 1686, is p. Mr. Richard Trenchfeild. According to order the letters from Egib is likewise delivered, we shall supply yo$^{r.}$ Hon$^{r.}$, &c., with —by all conveniences.

The ship——Tho. Walshop, Comr, arrived the 11th instant homeward bound. she left Bencoolen 21st January 1687-88. Upon her arrivall we recd, encouragement to think that she might be fitted in fifteen or twenty dayes, she haveing lost a mast and wanting severall things to be done to her to proceed on her voyage, the winds hanging eastwardly; but finding she is like to be much longer fitting, wherefore we presumed to breake it open, and finding it to be soe indead, it is transcribed and attested copies thereof sent enclosed, to which humbly refer you the reason of our breaking open the packett was that we dust not adventure the originals overland.

The muster of the ffactory we have rec$^{d.}$, and shall endeavour to procure as many as we can of that sort according to order.

We are.
Hon$^{ble.}$ Sr., &c.,
Your most humble Servants,
JOB CHARNOCK.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RICHARD TRENCHFEILD.
JERIMIAH PEACHY.

P. S.—Tis matters of admiration to us that Mr. Davis should soe value himself in Bangala when all the Country know how vastly he is indebted here, and things that we found in his house were only meer trumpery and of a very inconsiderable value altho he prisses them as such an extravagant rate.

JOB CHARNOCK.
F. ELLIS.
R. TRENCHFIELD.
J. PEACHY.

Chutanutta, 30th June 1688.

To

THE HONBLE. ELIHU YALE, ESQ.,
Governor of Fort St. George & the City of Madrass and
President for Affairs of the R$^{t.}$ Hono$^{ble.}$ English East
India Comp$^{a.}$ over the Coast of Cormandell, Bay
of Bengala, and the South Seas, &ca. Councill.

HON'BLE SR., &CA.,

Since writting the enclosed have rec$^{d.}$ further advices from Decca copys. of which goes herewith, together with our answer hereunto to which humbly refer you.

We are dispatching the sloop *Beaufort* with all expedition w$^{ch.}$ we hope will reach your Hono^{r} &c., long before this, it being the opinion of people here that she may get to Madrass in three weeks' time, consideration of which occasions our present brevity. We doubt not but your Hono$^{ble.}$, &c., will be much effected with our condition. God knows how matters will go. We are in hopes that a Ꝑwana be procured for the usuall presents for our peaceable trading. At present the matters is expressed at large in the two letters rec$^{d.}$ and sent to Dacca.

We are uncensible what your Hon$^{r.}$, &c., proceedings at Court with the Emperor have been which makes us the more cautious in ours here; for we are of opinion that our business may be effected better there then here by reason of the King's nearness to your parts; and if we do it here it will doubtless be excessive chargable for they will expect great matters for the King and the Nabob. This Durbar at present being so ill managed and this being a matter of such great consequence, we are loath to proceed any more in it than just necessitated without your Hon$^{rs.}$, &c., orders.

We are,
Hono$^{ble.}$ Sr., &c.,
Your most humble servants,
JOB. CHARNOCK.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RICHARD TRENCHFEILD.

Dacca, 9th August 1688.

TO THE RT. WORSPLL. JOB CHARNOCK,
Agent and Governor for Affairs of the
Rt. Hono'ble Comp^{a}. in the Bay of Bengal, &c., Councill.

SIRS,

Wee come now to reply unto your Worsp$^{ll.}$, &c., of 19th and 24th ulto., the receipt whereof ours of 31st ditto briefly acknowledged.

Of our grievances the Nabob hath had an ample account by his Duan Lutcheram, who saith he seems not backward to redress such thereof as are in his power. Such of your merchants that are able he promises to compell to compliance. Shastch Chaan, he saith, is not in his power, nor can he doe more then repsent your sufferings under him to the Emperor; and for such abuses as you may have rec$^{d.}$ from subordinate Governours, he knows noe other satisfaction then his promise accompanied w$^{th.}$ his care for a future prevention, but he saith his equally affected w$^{th.}$ your Workspll., &c., sufferings and those that have lately brought upon the King's subjects, but most of all w$^{th.}$ the indignities offered this King, the redress but most of all w$^{ch.}$ shall goe hand in hand. We replyed that what he urged against us had rec$^{d.}$ a conclusion during Shastch Chaan's Government, amongst other things by agreement made w$^{th.}$ Abdul Summeed, w$^{ch.}$ roped would confirm easily. How can you pretent to that admitting said contract valid, when there's nothing mentioned therein concerning either damage sustained by the King or his subjects, but that was only by way of admission, for he apprehended that agreement in itself invalid and that the favourblest Construction that could be put upon it only amounted unto. Abdul Summeeds promise to procure you 12 articles w$^{th.}$out mentioning what from the Nabob, and that we should reside and trade —— in —— country according to custome —— contradiction —— the articles wer to be —— then he is able to performe was in itself void, Shastch Chaan absolutely refusing and indeed wanting power to confirm it. He and all Subas governing the country by Commission from the King to preserve the ancient custome thereof; and to administer justice to his subjects; and these objections lying against it, hee thought it unreasonable for us to urge the same; that he had condesended as far as in reason he could (the w$^{ch.}$ if your Worps., &c:, thought not reason he could endeavour to make his good the moderatione) by granting such things as lay in his power, and writing to the King aboute such as did not, soe that he franckly acknowledges what your Worp$^{s.}$, &c., very well notes, that it is not in the power of any Suba in Bengall to accommodate your business, tho if it be once done fully, was it by force of money and by means of the Suba surely none of his successours can make it a president expecting you have the same necessity of his favour as you have now. Your Worspll., &c., very well observes the avaritious temper of this Suba, the case of most or indeed all those mercenary Governments this King is constrained to make use of to keep in subjection his farr distant and new conquer'd dominions, a people of another nation coming in expectation to raise their fortunes by the advantages of Government and sale of Intrice to prevent wch. the utmost care of their King hath inafectuall. We can but admire the Rt. Hon'ble. Compas. highly laudable resolutions to shake off this tiranicall yoke, and not to submit unto such dishonourable termes as other Christian nations still doe, and they have formerly done by suffering those avaritious Governours and their own occasion'd to extort from them presents at pleasure, heartyly pray the means they propose may be soe successfully applyed as to answer their ends, but untill then your Worspr., &c., cannot expect to reap the fruites thereof, nor that these people hopes (what they are we have formerly mentioned) will cease untill either they be effectually vanquished or in some measure answerd, therefore all circumstances considered we think though —— side

Wee are heartily glad the warr at Surratt brought to so happy a conclusion hoping Bengall may be included in that phirmaund. Your Worsp.'s letter was delivered unto the King's Duan by us, who replyed that he could take no notice of the phirmaund until his arrivall; that he much questioned whether it might extend unto Bengall, but more to our circumstances or no, in that the King is bound for the custome he receives from them in equity to protect his people and cannot forgive any damage sustain'd by them. We likewise delivered his Worsp.'s letter to Mallick Borcourdar who is one of our maine opposers. The loss of the King's treasure he often repeats, and the damage sustained in his ship's cargo. We have objected against him having plundered the Rt. Honble. Compas. servants of a farr greater tune, who replyed that if your Worsps., &c., would answer all future demands made by them, he consented to deduct the same. And now having given your Worspr., &c,, these people replyes to your sundry demands we shall give you an account of their proceedings. Mellick Borcourdar pressed us hard to give our answer to three demands; first, that the making warr upon the King's country mentioning sundry acts of hostillity we pay a fine to the King of 2,00,000 rs.; secondly, by that we restore all things taken during the warr wch. came to your Worsp.'s &c., knowledge; thirdly, that we live futurely in the Kings like merchants and subjects. The two former we answered wth. a petition for redress of grievences and respit 20 mds. untill we could have answer from Madrass unto their demands. Unto the last we answered that untill our own security obliged us to defend ourselves we had lived peaceably and patiently, passed by many oppressions; we could live according to the contract that should be concluded; But we came into the country upon conditions (and not simply to submit unto their laws and customes which questionless, they as well as was —— and that we —— our subjections —— they found as ready to protect us and procure us just satisfaction for any damages we would sustein by their violations.

Mellick was much displeased at this and went to the King's Duan Boremul, before whome he justified his proceedings, and used us much of injustice and obstinacy, threatning us wth. imprisonment, and your Worsps., &c., wth. immediate warr, saying that so much as the name of English should not remaine in Bengall; the King's Duan willed him to consider what he did, and said 'twas convenient to give us some time to consider what would most conduce to our interest. Wee replyed we had power to give no other answere than we had done. He said 'twas very unadvisedly done of us after such a breach to venture into the country upon such improbable conditions, but that we should have twenty days' time more in wch. they would take for a, finall. Mellick seemed to concent tho we believe that the Nabob he much opposed it, who next day in open Court was wery hott, and ordered 700 Horse to joyne wth such forces as Abdul Raumauth Chaan and Ally Eckbur had about Burdwaan and Hugly wth. which they ware to endeavour to expell you the country wch. had been put in execution. We believe had not the Duan objected against it that force ought to be his ultimate remedy, and pressed hard for the twenty days unto wch. the Nabob at last consented and at night sent for us, doubtless being before instructed by Mellick he expressed himself exceeding affectionate to all strangers but more particularly to our nation having held a very amiable correspondency wth. his Excellency the Generall during his residence in those parts for whom he retained a singular kindness, and to whose justice he would have commited this business and awaited his coming, understanding he was designed for these parts had it not so nighly concerned the honour of the King, and the complaines of the people be so great; that it hath not been known that merchants had committed such outrages in any Prince's country, especially where they had received such favours, shriven so well as we had done with our sufferings under Shastch Caun excuse mankind to fall errors our obstinate perseverence drea away his admiration from our past offences not seeing what could any hopes did we think that we Shastch Caun deale wth. or wch. way did we expect to effect them, wee had noe sooner commenc'd a quarrell but the French came and coarted them for trade who tho as yett seemed inconsiderable yet their favour and incouragement might soon raise them as it had done us; that one thing wch. formerly required their case was the little shipping they had of wch. you have saved them he said the troubles, and damaged the Hon'ble. Compas. 50 lahack of Rupees. Considering the forbearance of trade, &c., he willed us to consider these things (not for his advantage save that it behooved him to take care of the peace and wellfare of the King's people for that the King had upwards of twenty thousands soldiers in pay all wayes in Bengall and the Rt Honble. Compas. he understood effects enough to satisfie all damages and returne him answere in twenty daies after wch. if your Worsps., &c., complyed not, he would endeavour to expell you the country, and gave order and bid all come nere and your buying more provisions then might suffise from day to day.

Boremull the next day sent for us who said the King's Duan and himself had taken our business into consideration, and what now it hastened to aperied; he bid us consider that they are hoth well-wishers to us, had much himself endeavoured to compose unsuccessfully our late troubles, and that the Duan not only kept the brunt of the warr off you but diverted the fault upon Shastch Chaan, and these and such like arguments he used to convince us of their sincerity, and after said he knew you would hardly part with money, and the business could not be composed without, therefore they feared the second breach and your totall expulsion, to prevent wch. they proposed to your Worsps., &c., to deliver the goods in —— amounting to 40 or 50,000 Rs., upon your disbusting sume to satisfie Mellick Borcourdar Hackeem——and one or to—— thought might cost 25 or 30,000 Rs., wth. the remainder Boremull believes he can stop the Suba's mouth and procure him to write for a phirmaund wch. the Duan promises not to oppose and to conclude the King's piscash for Rs. 50,000 to be paid six months after the arrivall of the phirmaund, wch. agreement is to be avoid providing it procured already or by any other interest; and towards satisfying this 50,000 Rs. they promise all assistance towards the recovering in the Rt. Hon'ble. Compaas. remainds, and that what possible shall be restored of the 4,400 Rs. forced accot. the Cossumbazar quarrell. Besides wch. we cannot but put your Worsps., &c., in mind of the great danger a very considerable sume is in here if a second warr happense, if your Worsps., &c., concent hereunto

Boremull assures us of all the favour both in Duans and his power, but if you doe not they have the satisfaction of performing the part of friends. And remind you answer w$^{ch.}$in the limited time saying they had brought themselves into a busines by w$^{ch.}$ neither of them hopes to have other gaines then the satisfaction at least to have endeavor'd the restauration of all to peace and quietness. They further told us that Abdul Summeed's articles were not to be insisted upon giving much such reasons as did the Nabob Duan.

Mirga Mudduffer is departed for Agra and the King reported to have left Visapoare and to be marching towards Hindoostan designing for Candahar.

Wee are,
R$^{t.}$ Worp$^{ll.}$, &c.,
SIRS,
Your most obed$^{t.}$ Servants,
CHARLES EYRE.
RICH. BRADDYALL.

Chitanutta, 21st August 1688.

TO THE HON'BLE ELIHU YALE, ESQR.
Governour of Fort St. George and the City of Madrass
and President for Affairs of the R$^{t.}$ Hon'^{ble} East India Compay.
over the Coast of Cormandell Bay of Bengall
and the South Seas, &c., Councill.

HON'^{BLE} SIR, &c.,

Our last to your Hon'ble, &c., was on the 27th and 30th June overland, when wee gave your Honour an account of then needffull, originalls and copies of what then sent come herewith to which humbly refer you.

On the 17th past arrived the ship "*Recovery*," Capt. John Hampton, Commander, by whom rec$^{d.}$ you Hon'^{ble}, &c., Gen$^{ll.}$ of 6th and 15th June last with the several stores, &c., sent on her and shall credit you for their amount. According to order they came at a welcome season we being quite out.

We have hopes that we are included in the Surratt phirmaund tho as yet noe advices of it altho lately rec$^{d.}$ a Gen$^{ll.}$ from Mr. Harris &c., there, which mentions the arrivall of a phirmaund to the Gen$^{ll.}$ but the porport of his was not then known. Copy of the said Gen$^{ll.}$ goes herewith for your Hon'^{ble}, &c., ꝑusal, but if we are not included, twill doubtless create further charge and a trouble, for the Government here mind not your ratified treaties no otherwise then to break them when they please as your Hon$^{r.}$. &c., will planly ꝑceive by the enclosed copy of the Dacca dyary.

Wee are endeavoring to provide packing stuff, but this being not the season none at present being procurable, but shall forward some as sone as possible, as also provisions by the "*Williamson*", who was againe laden with rice &c., ready to goe about a month since but——violently——very dangerous——convenient she should be detained, till they are something over, when we shall not keep her longer her cargo being ready part aboard and the——carried downe to be laden in deep water, supose she may fall downe the river about the latter end of four months, nor shall we neglect any oppertunity of supplying you futurely with provisions to the utmost of our power. We observe your want of mango boards for Mussoola boats, but Capt. Hampton tells us tis tamerind boards that are proper for s$^{d.}$ boats with which he acquainted your Hon$^{r.}$, &c., when questioned about it, that we may send the right we have order'd boath to be provided according to the sev$^{ll.}$ order'd dimentions persuming no loss will occur thereby.

Wee have all along been more than ordinary cautions in respect of giveing out money beforehand for provision of goods being sensible of the great hazzard of it, the Government being so unstable in all their Treaties, for which reason we have not been less wary in sending Englishmen up into the country, and the way of merchandize in this country being to give out money beforehand, and no people in the world are more obstinate then these in defending an old Custome when tending to their own interest, so its w$^{th.}$ great difficulties upon that score. But the main obstacle that presents itself is the ꝑmissive trade, the managers thereof being so violent, giveing out money aforehand, which as aforesaid, we never yett ventured to doe, which makes the merchants not care to bring any goods to us. We hitherto endeavour to bring downe trade from Hugly to this place, and we had formerly contracted w$^{th.}$ sev$^{l.}$ accordingly w$^{ch.}$ was at very reasonable rates, but now upon this rumour and that severall thousands pon$^{ds.}$ more coming out, some of them fly from their contracts, since the price of goods is so much risen so that we cannot in all probability be able to get any considerable quantity of goods especially if the Nabob molest us. We shall endeavour what possible———at larger———detriment? of the R$^{t.}$ Hon'$^{ble.}$ Comp^{a} Moreover the Nabob seeing us so eager after trade may well defer an accommodation, and stand upon larger demands imagining that we can't well subsist without it. On the 17th current received advices from Dacca dated the 9th do giving an acco$^{t.}$ of the Nabob's proceedings there or rather of Mellick Burcourdars (our most implacable enemy), who formerly swore revenge on the English on the death of his brother Mahmoo Cawn, by whome the Nabob is ruled in this our business, your Hon$^{r.}$, &c., will perceive their great huffing, God knows what their methods will be upon the expiration of the limitted twenty days, tho we are of opinion that they will hardly be so violent as they threaten, unless they have the King's orders, and we hope much from the ffriendship of the King's Duan, and incline to believe as he hath been in (appearance at least) some occation of the moderating their proceedings at present, so we believe he will continue his goodwill to us, especially so farr as the King's and our interest are linked together, for he is very sensible of the greatness of our trade and consequently of the benifitt thereby accrewing to the King, all which induce us to hope that matters will be brought to that height so suddenly. Copy of the s$^{d.}$ letter comes there with for your Honr's., &c., perusal.

Wee shall observe the judgment for the delivery of Arthur Seamor's ship, but at present she is laden with the R$^{t.}$ Hon'^{ble} Comp$^{as.}$ timber and plank, and we shall have absolute occassion for her to lade the "*Williamson*" when that's done shall deliver her up, it had been well, since the R$^{t.}$ Hon'$^{ble.}$ Comp$^{as.}$ occassions doe require that they might have had the refusall for her, the "*Saphire*" not being returned hither, the "*Revenge*" and "*Mary*" being sunck at Hidgly and the "*Endeavor*" and "*Jingerlee*" haveing been lately broake up here as being unserviceable, such small vessells being most usefull to us for the river.

Attested copy of the acco$^{t.}$ which being mislaid was not sent w$^{th.}$ our last.

Wee remain,
Hon$^{ble.}$ S$^{rs.}$, &c.,
Your most humble Servants.
JOB CHARNOCK.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
JERIMIAH PEACHY.

The Goa arrack is leaked out the best part of it and the rest is sower soe that we are never the better for it.

J. C.
F. E.
J. P.

Dacka, 29th October 1688.

TO THE RT. WORSP$^{LL.}$ JOB CHARNOCK,
Agent & Gov. for affairs of the Rt. Honoble. Compa. in the Bay of Bengall, &ca.

SIR,

Our last to your Worp$^{ll.}$ &c., was the 27th current now come in yours of the 20th ditto, wherein well desired that your requests as to a fort, and could not be complyed with that expedition as you expected, because the Duan Boremull thinke it not convenient to intimate anything, therefore untill some account be given to the Nabob by Mellick of your intentions w$^{ch.}$ is daly expected on the arrivall of w$^{ch.}$ both the Duan & Boremull have promised to worke so upon the Nabob, y^{t} may induce him to grant the request w$^{ch.}$ they will, urge more partticalarly as to the form, that we have no ill design thereby, but to secure persons and estates from violation that may be offer'd by the subordinate Governors. Wherefore we humbly entreate your Worsp$^{s.}$, &c., would be pleased to give us 25 days time more for the effecting the same and not to proceed till the last of November w$^{ch.}$ wee earnestly pray and subscribe.

Your most humble & obedient Servants,
CHARLES EYRE.
R. BRADDYLL.

We shall deliver the arrdast in the morning it being now night.

C. EYRE.
R. BRADDYLL.

TO THE HON'BLE ELIHU YALE, ESQ.,
Govr. of Fort St. George & City of Madrass
and Pesident for Affair of the R$^{t.}$ Hon'$^{ble.}$
English East India Comp$^{a.}$ over the Coast of Cormandell
Bay of Bengall & South Seas, &ca., Councill.

HONBLE SIRS, &C.,

Our last to——the 20th——arrived in this Rood the 14th 7$^{ber.}$ and Capt. Heath wi$^{th.}$ us at Chutanuttee the 25th 7$^{ber.}$ which place we left the 15th current and arrived here the 16th ditto. The ships "*Resolution*" and "*Williamson*" drew so much water that they could not come over the braces, and necessitated to goe thro the new depths aver then not arrived but now expected daly.

Our circumstances w$^{th.}$ the Government at present are very dubious, for from Dacca we receive encouragement from our friends there to expect a ꝑwanna short y w$^{ch.}$ if comes pray God may be too our satisfaction, tho on the other hand they are very abusive at Ballasore detaining there the persons w$^{th.}$ Henry Stanly & Mr. John Haynes with divers others belonging to the shipping as alsoe the R$^{t.}$ Hono$^{ble.}$ Comp$^{as.}$ goods not ꝑmitting any provisions whatsoever to come of, nor will they suffer any of our boats to pass their new erected ffort at the Banksaul so that wee cannot get good water of the shore. They lately since our arrivall in the road ꝑmitted Mr. Haynes to come to the Banksaul who from thence advised us they desired some ꝑsons might he sent to treat of peace, advising alsoe a ꝑson to be coming from Dacca with terms in order to it; but that Gov$^{r.}$ threatned that in case wee committed any acts hostitilie he would put all the English w$^{th.}$ him to the sword and imediatly confiscate w$^{th.}$ goods on shore to the King's use, and run them up into the country past our regaining them.

This comes by Capt. W$^{m.}$ Permestone Connemeer merch$^{t.}$, who as he is to touch at several places on the Coast hath our order to dispeed it at the first convenient port by a Pattamarr which we wish safely to arrive you & remaine.

Hon'^{ble} S$^{rs.}$, &c.,
Your most humble Servants,
JOB CHARNOCK.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

Abord the ship *New Defence* in Ballasore Road 19th November 1688.

Mr. Trenchfield & Mr. Peachy are in the ships behind.

Dacca,

TO THE RT. WORSPLL. JOB CHARNOCK,
Agent and Governor for Affairs of the Rt. Hono$^{ble.}$ Comp$^{a.}$ in the Bay of Bengall, &c., Councill.

SIRS,

Our last was the 12th curr$^{t.}$ with the Nabob's answer to Capt. William Heath's arrugdast but the peons contrary to the writing they gave to arrive in 4 dayes returned hither again yesterday, complaining that they weare intercepted in the way by Mellick's people, and their letters takeing from them w$^{ch.}$ seemed to us weary unlikely because of soe short a return, wherefore we committed them to the Catwaal's custody, who is att present a watch over us with 300 gunmen who manage them with soe severe a hand that they soone confessed their villany, and that they had not been above two or three days travel out of the city and retained for fear of Mellick, delivering us our papers again, w$^{th.}$ w$^{ch.}$ the Nabob was made acquainted, who has taken care to send them by the Dauk w$^{ch.}$ you may expect to arrive in Ballasore in four daies. Yours of the 3rd, 6th, 7th, and 10th current we rec$^{d.}$ the 14th, 15th, 17th, and 19th ditto The former seems sharply to reprove us for neglecting the publick good and our own security w$^{ch.}$ charge wee can by noe means allow of, but rather that your Worsp$^{ll.}$, &c., hath been most notoriouly misinformed by some that are not reall wishers nither to y$^{r.}$ R$^{t.}$ Hon'^{ble} Comp$^{a.}$ or us 'tis most certain; and wee are sure noe person can avouch the contrary that wee have used our most utmost endeavours to comply w$^{th.}$ your orders and instructions given us, in that case with our owne care used will save no influence on the Government of a speedy accomodation of matters, the fault is not ours. Wee cannot help the want of success in that point. We must needs tell you, notwithstanding you have been informed to the contrary, that we have not been wanting in our importuning both the King's Duan and Boremull have they been wanting to procure the Nabob's grant of your request as to affort, &c., neither have they been wanting in supplicating the Nabob therein nor wee in speaking ourselves. Capt. Heath's arruzdast delivered with our owne writing under our seals being sufficient proofs which before we cannot but admire that your Worsp$^{s.}$ &c., should accuse us of those things w$^{ch.}$ we have endeavoured to compose rather then neglect without any further proof then only bare information, but it availeth not for we will not give any further answer then that Capt. Heath's arruzdast untill your further confirmation of w$^{t.}$ we have given in under our hands seales as appears by the enclosed coppy in ours of the 12th current; w$^{ch.}$ comes herewith. We have not only solicited the Nabob for our comeing down but alsoe severall other men of note, especially Mellick Borcourdar before he went thence to interceed for us to the Nabob, and his answer to them as well as to us was this that if your Worsp$^{s.}$ &c., was designed upon the frightning acco$^{t.}$ would take care to send us to the place from whence wee came but if you were upon a peaceble acco$^{t.}$ he would dismiss us wth surpaws for your Worsp$^{s.}$ and ourselves. Wee pray God he may be as good as his word, which we much fear by what he has allready putt in execution, having secured our persons so much, that wee are not suffered to stir out all of the roome w^{ch} we live in w$^{ch.}$ is the Delain the biggest in the house, wee are not ꝑmitted to lye in our lodging chambers for fear wee should make our escapes by undermining, some body haveing told the Nabob that the English that were here in Shastch Cawn^{s} made theire escapes that way.

The Nabob Catwaals———our house who———seem———of four or five servants to———gave great reason———our Vakeel together——————

———saying of us———has all along been treacherous both to the———and we believe to us, and we have great reason to believe———on that hath mispresented things to your Worsp$^{s.}$ and w$^{ch.}$ cause accuse us wherein wee have been the most zelous.

The letter from Boremull to your Wors$^{p.}$ which you are pleased to take notice of wee presume went endors'd in our Gen$^{ll.}$, soe that it matters not much the whether or not there was any notice thereof as long as you received it but if he sent it without our knowledge you cannot blame us wee call not the to mind to subscribe.

R$^{t.}$ Worsp$^{s.}$ &c, S$^{r.}$
Your very humble & obedient Servants,
CHARLES EYRE.
ROGER BRADDYLL.

Wee humble conceive it highly for the R$^{t.}$ Hon^{ble} Comp$^{a.}$ int$^{s.}$ that your Worsp., &c., attend the issue of this treaty, w$^{ch.}$ question not but will conclude to your great satisfaction, and put an end to the many misfortunes their affairs have for a long time labour'd under and w$^{t.}$ the consequence of a second breach may be. Your Worsp$^{s.}$ &c., experience cannot but rightly informe you that fearceable keeping a garrison here will intend more men and money from the English nation then ever did Tanger, and that was such a thing feasible w$^{ch.}$ cannot reasonably be supposed there will be a total eruption and sessation of trading this empire.

CHARLES EYRE.
ROGER BRADDYLL.

G. I. C. P. O.—No. 259 F. D.—23-2-93.—500.

Fort St. George, 26th April 1688.

To the Right Worshipful Jobe Charnock, Agent, &ca Councill in Bengall.

All land conveyances being very troublesome and dangerous has made us wait thus long for one by Sea to advise the receipt of your severall letters, &ca, *vizt.* of ye pr January per ye *Beaufort* who arrived ye 25th January, three for ye *Rochester* withouht place or date arrived here not till ye 3rd March, and yours of ye 16th and 21st Feb. by ye *Saphire* and *Recovery* recd ye 18th and 28th March, to which wee shall now briefly answer, intending to return the *Recovery* in a few days with what procurable of those stores and necessaries you write for by her, wee shall be more particular to your severall letters in what else concerns yourselves or us in these unhappy years and circumstances which wee are extremely sorry to read in all your letters we have little probability of bettering, tho wee hope Providence and your prudent management will still accomadate things to a sudden good end, and tho wee were much disappointed in our expectation of a considerable supply of ye goods by ye *Beaufort* as also ye narro limited investment wee were confined to, yeat wee raked up so much here and at our other factories as to lade her home with a cargo of P 148,460 : 47 : 4 dispatched ye 21st Feb: with such a recrote of men and necessaries as wee doubt not will sufficiently serve to ye saving her baggage home By her is gone your severall letters account and dyaryes reced. Edward Griffin and Thomas Davis also took their passages in her, Your opinion of Mr Davis occasioning his discharge hence upon his making over his concerns and debts in Bengall and also giving Bond to indemnifye ye Right Honorable Company in all future
damages yt shall succeed to her upon his account of comes here-
with your apprehending and sending Flaggarton to Bombay)
was extremely well receive ye due punishment
of all his roguries Wee had your
treasure then sent it us where are almost equal to
yours besides rows breakin
orders and for our half sufficient
credit amongst pray procure
what goods land them
ours.

There may be conveniences in a settlement at Chuttanuth or thereabout but to think of building a factory before wee are firmly settled will be very chargable and hazzardous, but wee think it also necessary to refer that to ye Right Honorable Company's own consideration and orders as you have done, since ye expense will be very great to make such new buildings as are requisite to a factory, and probably it may oblige ye government to leave yt ancient settlement of Hughly, but if you are not yeat returned thither and yt you shall judge it inconvenient to doe soe before your articles are ratifyed and your privilegees practiced, wee then approve your building such conveniences as are absolutely necessary for your healthes and accommodations. The King and Company have lost to many subjects and servants by yt defect and wee have still many complaints that yt factors, &ca have neither accommodation nor allowance to provide it, which occasions either ye expense of their money or health which our Right Honorable Master noe where dessier or expect, therefore pray lessen not their good use to those yt deserve and want it but allow what is convenient according to your dessier. Wee have bought ye Sloop *Samuel* of Captn Freeman for Right Honorable Company's account and service for which wee must credit account Govt. P. 800 which is much less than the cost and not more than her worth, wee had much difficulty to bring him to that place and you had done well to advertise her condition and vallue there.

Wee are in great want of gunnyes, ropes and toyne, nor can they be supplied hear the famine having destroyed most of those mecannicks, therefore provide as much as possible from all our factors depending upon you. Wee shall call Captain Batten to account for which you charge him with, tho he alleges the food and wine wear yᵉ Agents presant to him and offers to sware to it. Wee shall send your lascars by yᵉ *Recovery* daly expect in yᵉ *Rochester* from yᵉ Southerd, and upon his arrival examin those complaints against him, and thus much in answer to your first letter, your three next by *Rochester* whose Chief in port is her lading and yᵉ arrivall of yᵉ *Resolution* yᵉ first wee have not yeat received our occasions requiring yᵉ sending her away with them, but upon her return shall inlade and examing them and acquaint you if there is any disagreement with your invoice, for want of good advice she past her post at Gingerlee and did us noe service there, which neglect since has been profitable to yᵉ Right Honorable Company by paying freight for that grain hither. The news of yᵉ *Resolution's* arrivall was most acceptable to us and wee doubt to you too for her seasonable supply of money and necessary, and wee hope her stock will be well imployed to yᵉ Right Honorable Company's satisfaction in yᵉ lading their great tunnage. By yours by yᵉ *Saphire* wee find you have just reason to complain of some of your Commanders, and wonder much you do not suppress such insufferable irregularities or dismiss yᵉ offenders, the Right Honorable Company having given us full authority for it, as is necessary or can be defined, to which yᵉ Owners and wee have subjected themselves by Charter-party Right Honorable Company will judge it your own faults to suffer and yᵉ remedy they have impowered you with and offences of that fitter to be examined upon yᵉ place who are they, are committed where all persons may be present and duly examined fitter and not refer it to us where you have authority yourselves. Wee are well satisfied with the Nathaniel and Berkely Cask upon them and wee must find demurages will fall. Wee should gladly see yᵉ *Williamson* here with such a quantity of your goods as might enable us to send home an early ship but yᵉ lateness of yᵉ season makes us almost dispair of her coming soon enough for that service. You must not be to credulous of yᵉ Dutch reports they carry to often ill designs in them therefore believe nothing as to vary from orders withought 'tis confirmed from your superiors, yᵉ contrary will render all our business uncertain and may be of dangerous ill consequence. Tho in yᵉ alteration of yᵉ *Recovery* voyage hither instead of Acheen was very happy in severall respects as well for supplying our necessities as coming to a much better market hear then att Acheen where provision is extremely cheap as we are advised thence by the *Rebecca* who made little advance thereby, as for a settlement att Acheen at present wee cannot see yᵉ advantage of, all sorts of piece goods being very low there, and little or no pepper procurable, but yᵉ Right Honourable Company having positively ordered you to do it wee acquiesce therein.

The Right Honourable Company's Factory att Tonquin being under our care and having occasion to send a stock thither and yᵉ *Saphire* frigett being fitt for it wee have imployed her on that voyage and shall supply with the *Pearl* in her stead so soon she arrives from Tenasurry who wee daily expect.

The bag of gold wee received. Mʳ. Richard's children part of which shall be paid into yᵉ Church Stock for their use, and credit account current for yᵉ over plus.

Wee shall send you a Chiruagon when wee can get any medicines to accompany him, but one without yᵉ other will be of little service to you. Wee believe you will put yᵉ Right Honourable Company to no more charge then is absolutely necessary for their affairs and your security, therefore, approve your keeping yᵉ soldiers till yᵉ settlement of business with yᵉ Government, which wee should gladly hear was well done. The wine you sent went yᵉ same condition home as wee received it, therefore, its more then probable that the waste proceeds from some injury aboard ashipping. Your last letter received per *Recovery* who arrived here yᵉ 28th of March and is now unladen her provision which as before came very opportunily for our wants and remains tend to a very good account.

The goods of Mʳ. Hannam deceased were received and sold by Mʳ. Nathaniel Higginson Pay-master, as also that in Dʳ. Leathfield possession the proceeds shall be brought in yᵉ Right Honourable Company.

Wee lately received letters overland from y^{e} Right Honourable Company of y^{e} 6th June last advising y^{e} arrivall of y^{e} *Campthorn* and y^{e} *Chandois* hence, y^{e} ***Persia Merchant*** from you, and y^{e} society from Surratt, and that they only intended two shipps thither and two for this place, with considerable stocks of more money, that there was a generall peace in Europe and peace and quietness att home. The French advise us y^{t} one of their ships about 25 since mett and was on bound an English ship of Cape Comorin, and report her to have sixty guns and three hundred men but are imperfect of y^{e} Capt^{n} or shipp's name but said they had been eight months from England and were bound for Bombay, some supposed her to be one of those two ships intended from England in August last, and they report that two ships then came out with them for these parts, if so wee may daly expect them but how dispose of their stock and them and the money other wise, in the country is our greatest studdy and trouble, but our great dependence is in your trade.

Wee also received letters on y^{e} eight of February from y^{e} General &^{ca} at Bombay advising their prosecuting y^{e} war and takeing many more ships, but y^{t} y^{e} General upon importunate invitations is gone to Surratt to accomodate peace with that Government and wee have great hopes of reducing them to honorable and advantageous terms, but wee do not find they include our places in his articles so that wee must look out for ourselves which wee still prosecuting by the our Elchi* att y^{e} Mogul's Camp, and wee have hopes of procuring his General Phirmaund for all our settlements and trade in his dominions, y^{e} Right Honorable Companys via Suratt requires you to provide 1,000 pds. of taffatyes according to y^{e} mustor only differing in y^{e} color, which is to be as white and glossy as possible, and pray provide them accordingly. They also order that all ships that weare English colors and trade in India must take passes yearly and pay a rupee a ton to the Right Honorable Company for their protection and liberty of trade, copies of which orders came inclosed for your perusal and observances.

The General &^{ca} recommended to us the receiving rupees 2,306 with its interest taken up by late Agent Beard &^{ca} of 102 John Beard of Bombay, whose attested papers wee send herewith as also what they write us about it which wee suppose you will make noe objection against, therefore order you to make up the acc^{t} diligently and pay y^{e} balance to M^{r} Richard Frenchfield for y^{e} account of said M^{r} Bird, who has ordered y^{e} dispose thereof. Wee lately received a Pershan letter from our Elchi at Golcunda for some att Hughly which wee send herewith and desiring may be sent as directed, the troubles
in those parts twist the Moguls and
and savages forses will surely put a stop if not a ruin upon all trade and occasion a famine sesonable does also greatly threaten, therefore pray you be all of us in supplying with grain by all opportunities
Arrived here the 17th from Persia and brought us account in gold and silver shahees 1153105 : $\overset{\text{cos}}{82}$: 0 which we shall bring to acct curt : for and send you their account which with harty peace and prosperity, concludes this from

Signed ELIHU YALE.

JOHN GRAY.

JOHN BIGS.

JOHN LITTLETON.

ROBERT FREMAN.

THOMAS WAVELL.

NATHANIEL HIGGINSON.

WILLIAM FRASER.

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* Elchi—an Envoy.

Fort St. George of 6th June 1688.

To ye R Worpll Job Charnock Esqre. Agent &ca Councill in Hughly.

The accompanying letter is duplicate of what wee wrote to you by the *Phœnix*, to which wee have little to add, having received noe advices from your parts since February last, which wee are much concerned for, since it leaves us strangers to your affairs and condition which are great subjects, the Right Honourable Company depends upon your command, being now ye most acceptable and substantiall port of their trade, which is chiefly recommended to you and us to improve, therefore to be prosecuted with all possible care and diligence, and wee hope the Government hath been so just to their faith honor and us as to confirm their treaty and articles with you at Hughly. If so wee may conclude you in some way of settlement and trade so as to have well invested the stock sent you, and dispatch a ship from you directly for Europe, which would be a most welcome and acceptable service to ye Right Honorable Company, but if your circumstances has not allowed that, wee hope they will for sending home a ship this next August or September, which pray you use all possable indeavors for as wee shall also send from hence, and hope to do it by ye 20th next month, thoe wee would willingly see the English ships first which wee daily expect being designed out early, and wee are advised by ye French ship that she met ye *Royal James and Mary*, Captan James Cooke Commander, near Cape Comorin bound for Bombay with 300 soldiers who were mostly sicke by a long passage of 8 months from England. As yeat wee have no further news of them but suddainly expect it by sea or land since wee hear the Generall suddainly designes a ship from Surrat, where he now is as private advice tels us, and that he hath made a peace with yt Government and procured ye Mogul's Phirmaund for it, whether you or wee are included in it are not certaine, but hoping ye best wee have desisted from prosecuting a General Phirmaund from hence which wee had great hopes of as our Elchi advised from Golconda that near all our proposals were allowed of by ye Nabob, who was then going to ye Camp have ye Phirmaund affirmed by ye Mogull when this news of the success was sent him which stopt him proceeding till att a double or an unnecessary charge, but if it happen that wee are forgotten in ye Generall Phirmaund wee doubt 'twill greatly increase ye trouble and charge to procure it now the General has made peace in those parts where wee have ye greatest power and check on ye Mogul, his subjects, trade.

The *Bengall* arrived with us ye 13th Aprill last from Callicutt only with Europe goods and Goa arrack, and duplicates of former letters, soe yt the *Rochester* and ye *Dragon* still with us, but ye *Dragon* is discharged not being capable of a voyage to England, and for ye other two wee intend to despatch one for England and ye other to ye West Coast when wee hope she will meet a lading of pepper since wee have not goods sufficient for one of them.

We now return you ye *Recovery* who we could have employed upon an advantageous freight for about 40 days voyage, but her Commander assuring us it would hinder her repairs in the Bay which she greatly wants wee desisted that, and now ordered her to take in salt at Kissimapatam, which with her freight hence, wee hope will well help to pay her charges, a list whereof comes enclosed which you are to receive 5 per cent. for and pray be strict therein since ye Right Honorable Company are at great charges in their shipping for which and yourselves wee have now sent you all ye provisions wee can spare for ye amount of their Invoice Pa 2066-15-3 credit us for account current as wee have you for her cargoe, which tho very sesonable and acceptable to us yet wee must also acquaint you yt most of ye butter and oyle was old, ranck and much damnified so yt wee find it difficult to dispose of it to any considerable profit, therefore for ye future pray order yt greater care be taken therein both for its quality and due quantity in each, for many of them wanting much of what they ought to contain by ye Invoice, and wee must also desire you if possible to send us an yearly supply of good provisions and stores, particularly of packing stuff which is very dear and scare here, and wee doubt grain and provisions will scarcely grow cheaper, the famine and wars still continuing and destroying soe that ye country is very bare of people, grain in many factoryes and wee doubt will not recover to any considerableness in many years. In compliance with your obligation to ye government wee now send you y^e^ *Rochester's* lascars which if possible avoyd for y^e^ future tyme, it may occasion trouble. Wee are here in great want of Massola boats and Captain Hamton enform us that mango boards are very cheap and plentifull in your parts but very scarce and dear here, therefore send us a thousand if procurable by y^e^ next opportunity, their dementions must be *vizt* length from 10 to 20 foot, breadth from 9 to 18 inches or broader, thickness of half y^e^ number 1¼ inch and y^e^ other half 1½ inch besides which send 200 or 300 mango plancks of ¾ inch thick, which being what offers at present, wee recommend you and your affairs to Divine protection and remayne.

R^t^ Worp^ll^, &c.

Your Faithful Friends,

To Serve You.

ELIHU YALE.

JOHN GRAY.

JOHN BIGS.

JOHN LITTLETON.

ROBERT FREEMAN.

THOMAS WAVELL.

NATHANIEL HIGGINSON.

WILLIAM FRASER.

P.S.—Inclosed comes a judgment from the Court of Admirallity about Arther.

You observe ELIHU YALE, &c.

Fort St. George y^e^ 15th July 1688.

To the WOOSP^LL^ JOB CHARNOCK, Agent, &c. Councill in Bengal.

This brings you duplicate of our last by ship *Recovery*, to which wee have little to add, nothing of importance since intervening, but the confirmation of y^e^ Moguls sending his Phirmaund to y^e^ Generall at Surratt who wee here is returned to that factory and delivered up y^e^ several Mores prizes taken on y^e^ side, but as yeat wee have noe news from Surratt nor any certain account of y^e^ q^ts^ of y^e^ Mogul Phirmaund, but daily expected, when received shall forward it to you by y^e^ first opportunity, with what other advices may concern you.

Wee begin to think y^e^ *Defence* stays long, but possible to steer past our port to yours, as also some of y^e^ free ships intended thither ; if so pray hasten our letters to us with what other news imports us. Wee wonder att your long silence but possible your letters are miscarried, pray let us hear from you frequently, advices being a most sensuall part of business and extremely necessary in juncture of affaires and Government. Wee hope y^e^ *Nathanil* gained her passage to Persia, but yet hear nothing of her arrivall though a Dutch ship came lately thence to this Coast. Wee would have you send one or two of y^e^ Company's ships to Persia if possible this year either upon freight or laden on y^e^ Company's account, wee are not positive which to send not knowing their conditions, but propose y^e^ *Williamson* and *Prineess* and wee hope you will be able to send 2 for England one directly home and another to touch here with y^e^ Right Honorable Company and permissive goods, which encourage and assist what you can, since 'twill be a great hope to y^e^ tonage and dead freight, and keeping our great ships soe long in y^e^ Country till they are disabled from returning; a sad instance whereof wee have here of the *Rochester* who proves so leaky that she is unserviceable, and wee have been forced to discharge from yᵉ Right Honorable Companys service till she is made capable for it, for which purpose Captain Broomwell designs to carry her to Trinconomala to repair and return hither in November next, when wee doubt wee shall be forced to send her to West Coast for a lading for want of it here, wee intend God willing to despatch yᵉ *Bengall Merchant* for England in next month and we hope to give her a good and full lading, and doubt not to procure for one more by January next, which is near the utmost our stock is yet capable of, besides yᵉ troubles in yᵉ Country makes our investments dangerous and difficult, however wee shall use our utmost endeavours to prevent dead freight and if it soe happens that you canot find other ladings hither be filed with rice and and was not vendable here pray by all ships that brings us grain send a sealed measure yᵗ yᵉ Captain receive it aboard by that wee may doe yᵉ same hear and prevent yᵗ many disputes yᵉ want of it occasions. Pray also send us a good quantity of all sorts of packing stuff and some good wheat which is much wanting here, which with our respects in what offers from.

Your afftᵉ friends to serve you,

ELIHU YALE.

NATT. HIGGINSON.

JOHN BIGGS.

JOHN LITTLETON.

ROBERT FREEMAN.

THOMAS WAVELL.

WILLIAM FRASER.

WILLIAM CAWLY.

P.S.—Having settled Mʳ John Stables, Chief of Viziagapatam, and ordered a considerable investment to be made there you must order yᵉ ship you intend hither to touch there and take in their goods more especially yᵉ earliest.

FORT Sᵀ GEORGE, Yᵉ *16th August 1688.*

To

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL JOB CHARNOCK,
Agent, &ca Council in yᵉ Bay of Bengal.

We send you enclosed yᵉ Right Honorable Company's letters and orders to you, as likewise what they wrote and ordered us concerning you, wherein you will find their great dissatisfaction of yᵉ management of their late orders about yᵉ Warr with yᵉ Mogull and takeing Chittegam, being still resolved upon to have a fortifyed settlement or leave yᵉ Country and trade, and yᵉ Right Honorable Company doubting that their late ill-success proceeds from some private interests of their servants they have therefore referred yᵉ sole resolution and conduct of yᵉ affairs to Captain William Heath whom you are fully to inform of your late proceedings with a true state of your condition and as also of yᵉ country, we hereby require you and all persons to observe and assist his orders in that and that it may concluded for yᵉ honor and interest of yᵉ Right Honorable Company, and we have been very particular in our commission to him to refer, desiring you to credit account current for yᵉ amount of yᵉ Invoice and to use all possible means for yᵉ lading the ships hither with goods or grain ordering one two of lightest to touch att Viziagapatam to take in their goods then we are in hopes you will send one or two ships for Europe, or Persia, or the truth is we know not well how to dispose them. By this ship *Defence* wee have sent you two Companys y^t 120 soldiers whose officers you must apoynt as you think convenient, we have agreed with Captain Heath to them whilst aboard his ship at 6 per diem each soldier but you must provide for them after their arrival, which with our salutes is all present from—

R^t Worsp^{ll}

Your most faithful friends to serve you,

ELIHU YALE.
NAT. HIGGINSON.
JOHN BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
ROBERT FREEMAN.
THO. WAVELL.
WILL. FRASER.
WILL. CAWLEY.
THOS. GRAY.

Commissions and Instructions to CAPTAIN WILLIAM HEATH, Commander of Ship *Defence* on his voyage to Expedition in Bengall, &^{ca} visits.

The Right Honorable Company being greatly dissatisfied and displeased with their servants' management of their orders about y^e Warr against the Mogull in Bengall, having put them to very great charge expence and loss without affecting anything agreeable to their orders and designs; which they are still resolved vigerously to prosecute till they have either conquered or prevailed for a fortified settlement in to secure their servants goods and trade from accustomed affronts and oppressions to their past great dishonor, prejudice and disappointment, which they neither can nor will suffer longer their concerns in fensless factories, without some exacting government and therefore the Right Honorable Company positively ordered the withdrawing their factories and trade if this obtain such a fortified settlement as may secure it well for the future. The Right Honorable Company reposing great trust and confidence in have ordered us to commit.

Your conduct requiring our best advice and assistance therein which we have hitherto done to our power whereat you are witness being present at our several debates and results of Councill coppeys of which we herewith deliver you for your fuller information and authority, as also transcripts of the severall generall letters of the Right Honorable Companys and orders about the affairs which you must have particular consideration of and regard to. And according to our agreement in consultation, 'tis our advice that immediately upon your arrival at Ballasore you proceed to y^e Agent &c. att Pruttanuta takeing with you all y^e Commanders of the Europe ships, delivering y^e Right Honorable Companyes and our letters to them, after which that a General Councill be called consisting of y^e Agent &c. and y^e Commanders of y^e Europe ships where their proceedings and the whole state of y^e Right Honorable Companys affairs are duly to be recounted with their present condition, force stores armes, ammunition and provision with all other necessary circumstances duly represented, as also of the constitution present Government, their inclinations to us and present power, the strength of Chittagam and forces therein and access thereto for our Europe ships, the alteration of y^e Government by y^e removal of Ghasita Cawn and placing that great soldier of y^e Royal blood, Cawn Jehan

Badhur, the nature and method of his Government, the treatyes they have had with him upon y^e Hughly articles, and what conclusion made therein, also y^e considerations of y^e Generall's concluding a peace with y^e Mogul who as we are advised from Golconda has sent him his phirmaund to Suratt. And all these severall considerations to be fully discoussed and debated in Councill from whence you are fully and singly empowered to draw a conclusion and make such resolves thereon as you shall judge requisite and necessary for the honor and interest of y^e Right Honorable Company and y^e good of their affairs and future trade in Bengall, and whereas y^e Right Honorable Company have directed us to apoint you a Councill, we do here authorize you to choose and make of your particular Councill for y^e affairs only as you shall judge most useful and proper for it, and fresh from any engagement of trade in the Country or any other interest, prejudicious inclination, which might otherways lye as their advice and Councills too partially. But if upon serious consideration you do not find it expedient to entor upon hastely and to attack any fortified place, then you must take other measures endeavoring to obtain such a settlement as is required by a treaty with y^e Nabob, writing to him att Dacca that except he will grant y^e Right Honorable Company a fortified settlement in Bengall to secure their servants and trade from y^e oppression of y^e Government, they have positively ordered you to leave y^e Country and holy to destroy factoryes and trade and endeavor to right themselves where they can for the many wrongs and injuries done them, and if neither of these measures prove affectuall for y^e obtaining such a fortified settlement. The Right Honorable Company requires and we doe order you and command y^e Right Honorable Company's servants and other English to a board their ships and come hither first lading the Right Honorable Companys treasure and concerns the Agent and you, &^{ca}., usuing your utmost endeavors to lade the Right Honorable Companys ships with goods grain and provision consigned to this except they can dispatch any of them for England or Persia which you must chiefly promote, and that one or two of y^e lightest of them touch att Vizagapatam to take in what goods shall be in a readyness there and other design that may advantage the Right Honorable Company are limited, in nothing ordered. Wee have ordered two Companyes of soldiers aboard your shipp *Defence* who as you proceed upon any warfair are to follow your commands as likewise those already in y^e Bay, and we do hereby strictly require and command all persons both Civil and Military as well as y^e Right Honorable Companys servants as freemen both Officers Soldiers and freemen to observe and obey your commands in y^e aforesaid affair, and they give you all the aid and assistance and service in their powers as they shall answer it at their perill, dated at Fort St. George in y^e City of Madras y^e 16th August 1688.

ELIHU YALE.

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THOS: GRAY.

Fort St. George y^{e} 17th Aug^{t} 1688.

To—The Right Worsp^{ll}. Job Charnock, Agent, &^{ca}., Councill in Bengall.

The Right Honorable Company have upon due consideration permitted the ship *James*, M^{r}. Richard Gough, Cape Merchant, and Capt^{n}. Abraham Roberts Commander to voyage and trade in India and to China according to Charterparty, Covenants, wherein we are enjoyed and ordered to advise, favour, and assist them, in what we can to the encouragement of their just proceedings, which we also desire and require from you, and soe to countenance their business as may engage them and their owners to acknowledge your kindness, whereby you will also oblige.

Right Worshipful
Your most faithful friend to
serve you,

ELIHU YALE.

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